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"In the course of forty years I have been called to assist in the formation of a Constitution for this State. This kind of Architecture I find is an art or mystery very difficult to learn and still harder to practice. * * * It gives me more solicitude than at my age it ought to do, for nothing remains for me but submission and resignation. Nevertheless I cannot wholly divest myself of anxiety for my children, my country, and my species. * * * The Legislative and Executive Authorities are too much blended together. While the Senate of the United States have a Negative on all appointments to office, we can never have a National President. In spite of his own judgment he must be the President, not to say the Tool, of a Party," etc., etc.

- 3 The Same. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Nov. 28, 1821. In answer to a request for a painting of his homestead.

"What point of time would a Painter seize, and what particular scene would he select? * * * After mature reflection I rejected all these and fixed upon the last, when the whole body [Harvard students] marched up in a file, taking the old man by the hand; taking a final leave of him forever and receiving his poor blessing. Never before but once, in the whole course of my life, was my soul so melted into the 'milk of human kindness;' and that once was when 4 or 500 fine young fellows appeared before me in Philadelphia, presenting an Address and receiving my Answer. On both occasions I felt as if I could lay down an hundred lives to preserve the liberties and promote the prosperity of so noble a rising generation," etc., etc.

- 4 Adams, John Quincy. President of the U. S. A. L. S. 4to. Quincy, Aug. 13, 1827.
Fine letter, written during his Presidency.

"My journey from Washington was rendered somewhat tedious by the excessive heat of the weather and the dust of the Roads at the Land Passages. The heat *by day* has scarcely abated since my arrival here. But we have cool nights, and I find the sea-breeze has not lost its refreshing properties for me," etc., etc.

- 5 **The Same.** L. S. 4to. Quincy, Oct. 16, 1845.

"The negotiations with Great Britain and with other Foreign Powers during the Administration of James Munroe are with the years beyond the flood. Our Country, if we have a Country, is no longer the same. The Polar Star of our foreign relations at that time was Justice; now it is Conquest. Her vital spirit was then Liberty; it is now Slavery. As our Dominion swells she becomes dropsical; and by the time when our Empire shall extend over the whole Continent of North America we shall be ready for a race of Cæsars to subdue the South or to fall at the feet of Pompey's statue. Liberty has yet her greatest warfare to wage in this Hemisphere. May your posterity and mine be armed in Celestial panoply for the conflict," etc., etc.

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- 107 **The Same.** A. D. S. 8vo, with full signature. Jan. 15, 1795. An order for the payment of money.
- 108 **The Same.** L. S. 4to. Treasury Department, Nov. 3, 1792.
- 109 **The Same.** L. S. 4to. New York, July 16, 1804. Signed by J. B. Church, Nicholas Fish and Nathaniel Pendleton, Executors of the Will of Alexander Hamilton; enclosing a copy of a paper which accompanied the Will. This paper (4 pages folio) gives a general statement of his pecuniary condition, the reasons for his apparently extrava-

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- 248 **Rogers, Samuel.** Distinguished English poet. A. L. S. 8vo. Oct. 8, 1830. To Miss Rogers.
- 249 **Rush, Benjamin.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. 2 D. S. 4to. April, 1786.....2 pieces.
- 250 **Schink, Johann Friedrich.** German poet and dramatist. A. L. S. 8vo. Berlin, Jan. 29, 1816.
- 251 **Schlegel, August Wilhelm von.** Celebrated German poet, critic and prose-writer. The translator of Shakespeare into German. A. L. S. 8vo. Bonn, June 13, 1835. Fine specimen.
- 252 **Schlichtegroll, Adolf Heinrich Friedrich von.** German poet, historian and philologist. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. Munchen, May 4, 1812.
- 253 **Schrader, Julius.** Distinguished German painter. A. L. S. 8vo. March 18, 1853.
- 254 **Sherman, William Tecumseh.** The great general. A. L. S. 4to. Head Quarters 5th Division. Memphis, Aug. 29, 1862. Splendid military letter, on the subject of the regulation of trade, and advocating the adoption of a clearly defined policy in all matters of commerce as well as war.
- 255 **Shippen, Edward.** Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. Phila., Sept. 17, 1761. To his father, at Lancaster. **Very fine.**
- 256 **Sigourney, Lydia Huntley.** Popular poet. A. L. S. 4to. June 6, 1835. With an autograph poem, signed with her initials, of three verses of eight lines each, entitled "Parental Hope."
- 257 **Simms, William Gilmore.** Poet and voluminous novelist. A. L. S. 4to. Midway, Nov. 22. To E. L. Carey, in relation to the publication of one of his novels.
- 258 **Smith, James.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. York, March 18, 1778. Also signed by Abraham Clark and John Henry. Letter of a Committee of the Continental Congress to the President of Pa., relative to the prisoners sent from the State of Pa. to Virginia. **Fine specimen.**

"The case of the Hon. John Penn and Benj. Chew, Esq., occasions the Subscribers to trouble your Excellency herewith, they having

been appointed by Congress a Committee * * * to bring in a report on that subject. Those gentlemen as Crown Officers, and holding commissions under the authority of the King of Great Britain, prior to the declaration of Independency, and yet taking no active parts against us, that we know of, since that period, renders their situation very peculiar. In the first point of view they seem, under their present restraint, prisoners of the United States. What is to be done with them, consistent with justice and the public safety, is a question of much importance. If enlarged and permitted to go into Philadelphia, what mischief may our Enemies do under a colour of their authority, even without their consent. If permitted to go at large into those parts of Pennsylvania in possession of the Whigs, as they are intermixed with Tories very mischievous consequences may arise. If confined in Pennsylvania for refusing a Test, it may occasion discontent and caballing," etc.

- 259 **Smith, Jonathan Bayard.** Signer of the Articles of Confederation. M. O. C. 2 A. D. S. 4to, 1786. Also signed by Benj. Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence..... 2 pieces.
- 260 **Smith, Solomon Franklin.** Actor and manager. Distinguished comedian. A. L. S. 8vo. St. Louis, Nov. 23, 1858.
- 261 **Smith, William.** Colonial Chief Justice of New York and the historian of that Colony. Loyalist. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. New York, May 22, 1772. Fine letter to Sir William Johnson, relative to the landed interests of Lady Moore, the widow of Governor Sir Henry Moore.
- 262 **Souvestre, Emile.** Distinguished French author and journalist. A. L. S. 8vo. May 20, 1838.
- 263 **Specht, J. W.** Hessian Brig.-Gen. in the Revolutionary War. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Staunton, March 8, 1780. Signed as Brig.-Gen. **Very fine and rare.**

"With a great deal of pleasure I have heard that the command of the troops of Convention, which was in Col. Bland's hands and vacant since several months, is devolved upon you. The Troops have wished for your arrival long ago, convinced that in all just demands you will give them all relief that lies in your power. I therefore recommend them to your best protection, and assure you that Brigadier General Hamilton, as well as I, will take a particular care that all orders which you may think proper to give them shall be punctually executed and that it will be a real pleasure for us to give you proofs of our personal esteem," etc.

- 264 **Sternberg, Alexander, Baron von.** Celebrated German novelist. A. L. 8vo. Berlin, April 15, 1843.

- 265 **Stockton, Frank R.** Noted novelist. A. L. S. 8vo. New York, March 1, 1889
- 266 **Stoddard, Richard H.** Poet. A. L. S. 8vo. New York, Sept. 22, 1851. To James T. Fields, directing some alterations in the "Hymn to Flora."
 "My heart is damned heavy this morning, so I won't write any more except to wish you health and happiness."
- 267 **Talleyrand, Charles Maurice de—Prince of Benevento.** Celebrated French statesman, diplomatist, and wit. A. L. S. 4to. Phila., Jan. 24, 1795. A beautiful letter, signed with his full signature.
- 268 **Taney, Roger B.** Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the U. S. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, April 6, 1850. **Fine.**
- 269 **Taylor, Bayard.** Noted poet. A. D. S. 4to, 2 pages. Frankfort, Germany, Dec. 20, 1844. An original poem of 9 verses of 8 lines each, entitled "The Highland Chieftain"; with the rare early signature—J. B. Taylor—at the head of the first page. We quote one verse.
 "The memories of my hero-sires!
 They thrilled my soul again,
 As when, beside their mountain-fires,
 My clansmen sung their strain:
 How Bruce in the mountain-cavern lay
 Till the shouts of the foeman died,
 And Douglas rode to the border-fray
 From the Teviot's silver tide!"
- 270 **Telfair, Edward.** Signer of the Articles of Confederation. M. O. C. A. L. S. folio, 3 pages. Augusta, April 6, 1785. Business letter to Joseph Clay.
- 271 **Thomas, George.** Colonial Governor of Pa. D. S. folio. Nov. 1, 1745. **Very fine.**
- 272 **Thomas, George H.** One of the greatest generals of the Civil War. L. S. 4to. Head Quarters Department of the Cumberland. Eastport, Miss., Jan. 17, 1865. Fine war letter, requesting that the troops now commanded by Maj.-Gen. A. J. Smith be organized as the Sixteenth Army Corps under that general as commander, and speaking of Smith's unquestionable ability for such a command.

- 273 **Thompson, William.** Brig-Gen. in the Revolutionary War. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Prospect Hill, Dec. 19, 1775. **Extremely interesting historical letter.**

"You have heard of our fortifying Cobble Hill, and, what is very surprising, without a cannon from the Enemy. A work is also begun on Letehmore's Point (the place where I had the skirmish with General Clinton) which is much nearer to Boston than any work we have yet erected. What the Generals have determined on when it is finished, I know not; but it will certainly be in our power to destroy the Town, which in my opinion should be done, with the Red Coats there contained, before a reinforcement arrives; which in all probability would put an end to our unhappy dispute. I believe by throwing Bombs from the large Mortar the city can be destroyed without the loss of many men; but certain I am if ice makes on Charles River fit to carry us we should pay Boston a visit let it cost what it would, as the way to save both Men and Money is to cut off that Garrison, which would undoubtedly put an end to the war. * * * P. S.—The Enemy begin to fire on our people at Letehmore's Point and to throw Bombs from a new Bomb battery in Boston. They are also erecting a Bomb battery on Bunker's Hill, so that we expect warm work of it to-morrow. As General How is fond of Night-Walking, it is likely he may pay us a visit before morning. God send he may, as it will make short work of it, and I am almost certain we shall give a good account of him and his party, if we catch them outside of their works. One of our people mortally wounded. The night very dark, and we have a great number of men at work, so that by morning we shall be strongly fortified. * * * My Regiment in high spirits, and be assured if we come to action they will do no dishonor to the country that sent them."

- 274 **Thomson, Charles.** The perpetual Secretary of the Continental Congress. A. D. S. small 4to. In Congress, July 11, 1775.

Certifying "that the Delegates from Pennsylvania have liberty to treat with and employ 50 Hussars who have been in actual service, and send them forward to join the troops before Boston under General Washington."

- 275 **Thoreau, Henry D.** Celebrated naturalist, poet and prose-writer. Autograph document, 2 pages 4to. An original manuscript of this gifted writer. **Rare.**

- 276 **Tiraboschi, Girolamo.** Learned Italian Jesuit and author. A. L. S. 4to. July 1, 1788.

- 277 **Todd, Thomas.** Judge of the Supreme Court of the U. S. L. S. 4to. Frankfort, May*26, 1808. **Scarce.**

- 278 **Torrey, John.** Eminent botanist. A. L. S. folio, 3 pages. New York, July 2, 1819. Interesting scientific and personal letter to Amos Eaton.
- 279 **Troup, Robert.** Lieut.-Col. and Aide to Gen. Gates in the Revolutionary War. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Albany, Jan. 29, 1807.
- "The Lewisites aided by the mischiefmaking Federalists carry all before them in the House of Assembly. They have turned out the Clintonian Speaker and Clerk, and put Lewisites in their places. * * * The Clintonians are in great dismay. In a few days the Guillotine made and used during the Robesperean reign of Clinton and Spencer will again be put in operation. The Federalists acted unanimously and without any stipulation or bargain whatever."
- 280 **Trumbull, John.** Eminent painter. Aide to Gen. Washington in the Revolutionary War. A. L. S. 4to. To the President of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati. Advising that it is the duty of the Society to purge themselves and all their members from a foul imputation thrown upon one of the honorary members. Signed as "One of the early members of the Society of the Cincinnati, and Colonel and Adjutant General of the Northern Department in the year 1776."
- 281 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. London, April 7, 1799. A letter of great interest, and a beautiful specimen. He speaks of the political situation in the U. S., affairs in France under the Directory, Nelson's victory, Napoleon's present campaign; and says "Should this campaign terminate, as I fear it will, favorably to the French, then comes our hour of danger."
- 282 **Turreau, Louis Marie, Baron.** French general. Commanded the army which defeated the Venreans in 1793. Minister to the U. S. A. L. S. 4to. Baltimore, July 31, 1806.
- 283 **Tyler, John.** President of the U. S. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages. April 2, 1843. To Mr. Spencer; written during his Presidency.
- 284 **Tyler, Royall.** Poet and wit. One of the earliest American dramatists. A. D. S. folio, 2 pages. Feb. 2, 1809. Rare.
- 285 **Van Buren, Martin.** President of the U. S. A. L. S. 4to. New York, April 2, 1850.

- 286 **Van Rensselear, Philip.** Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Mayor of Albany. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Albany, Aug. 12, 1779.
- 287 **Van Schaick, Gozen.** Colonel of the 2nd, and the 1st, N. Y. regiments in the Revolutionary War. Brevet Brig.-Gen. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Fort Schuyler, April 24, 1779. To Brig.-Gen. Clinton. **A valuable historical letter, giving a report of the Onondago expedition.**
- "I should not do justice to the officers and soldiers I have had the honor to command on this expedition if I did not in the fullest terms assure you that they all behaved with a truly determined spirit on this occasion, and went through the severity of a laborious march with the greatest cheerfulness, paying particular attention to their respective duties, and am under peculiar obligation to Lient.-Col. Willett and Major Cochran for the assistance I have received from them. The prisoners will be sent to Albany as soon as the boats are got over and the troops are refreshed."
- 288 **Varick, Richard.** Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Aide to Gen. Washington. A. D. S. folio, 2 pages. June 23, 1788.
- 289 **Vigny, Alfred Victor, Comte de.** Eminent French novelist and writer. A. L. S. 8vo. **Scarce.**
- 290 **Wachler, Johann Friedrich Ludwig.** German historian. A. L. S. 4to. Oct. 6, 1829.
- 291 **Wachsmuth, Ernest Wilhelm Gottlieb.** German historian. A. L. S. 8vo. Leipzig, March 5, 1827.
- 292 **Walch, Christian Wilhelm Franz.** German ecclesiastical historian, and writer on ancient literature. A. L. S. folio. Sept. 30, 1772.
- 293 **Walton, George.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. D. S. 4to. Sept. 19, 1783.
- 294 **Warren, John.** Eminent surgeon. Brother of Gen. Joseph Warren. Served as surgeon throughout the Revolutionary War. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. Boston, Jan. 26, 1792. Fine letter to Mr. John Templeman. **Rare.**
- 295 **Washington, George.** President of the U. S. Commander-in-chief in the Revolutionary War. Autograph document, 2 pages, folio. **A fine military paper, entirely in his handwriting.**

- 296 **The Same.** A. D. S. 8vo. Mount Vernon, Oct. 9, 1797. A cheque on the bank of Alexandria. Slightly defective.
- 297 **Waugh, Beverly.** Methodist Episcopal bishop. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. Potosi, Mo., Oct. 15, 1840.
- 298 **Wayne, Anthony.** Brigadier-General in the Revolutionary War. A. L. S. folio, 2 pages. Mount Joy, Dec. 28, 1777. **Splendid military letter to President Wharton.**
 "While other States are exerting every power, under a Resolve of Congress, to provide for their *own Troops only*, you are following the *generous course* of providing for the whole. This, Sir, is being generous out of time. It's an old adage that a man ought to be just before he can be permitted to be Generous. The case applies in full force here. Supply the immediate wants of your own Troops first, and then give scope to your generosity. * * * Judge then how far inadequate our proportion must be to our wants; whilst the Troops from the other States have an equal dividend in addition to their other supplies. At this inclement season one third of our Troops are totally destitute of either shoes, stockings, shirts or blankets; so that, unless they receive an immediate supply of these necessary articles, Sickness, Death and Desertion will be the inevitable consequence."
- 299 **Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, Duke of.** Celebrated British general and statesman. "The Iron Duke." A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pages. (Written in the 3rd person.) London, May 10, 1843.
- 300 **White, William.** First Protestant Episcopal bishop of Pa. "The Saintly White." A. L. S. 4to, 2 pages. Phila. Feb. 25, 1824. **Very fine.**
 "I sympathize with you, reverend Sir, in your Feelings for ye Aborigines of our Continent, and rejoice in any opening Prospect of their Relief. With me it is too late in Life to expect to see ye Issue of Measures now begun; but as long as it shall please God to favor me with ye continuance of Health and of mental capacity, I shall not shrink from ye Small Share of Trouble which may be brought on me in my official character."
- 301 **Wilson, James.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution of the U. S. D. S. 4to, 3 pages. March 25, 1797.
- 302 **The Same.** D. S. folio. April 24, 1795.
- 303 **Wolcott, Oliver.** Seeretary of the treasury in Washington's administration. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pages. Trenton, Sept. 7, 1798. Highly interesting letter to Jonathan Dayton, wholly on public affairs.

3d. That we will not purchase of any Factor or others any kind of Goods imported from G. Britain from Jany 1769 to Jany 1770.

4th. That we will not import on our own Account or on Commissions or purchase of any who shall import from any other Colony in America from Jany 1769 to Jany 1770 any Tea, Glass, Paper or other Goods commonly imported from Great Britain.

5th. That we will not from & after the first of Jany 1769, Import into this Province any Tea, Paper, Glass or Painter's Colours untill the Act imposing Duties on those Articles shall be repealed, in witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands this first Day of August 1768—"

The Call for the Meeting at Faneuil Hall

- 317 Printed Broadside. Notification. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, qualified as the Law directs, are hereby notified to meet at Faneuil-Hall on Monday the 12th Day of September Currant, at Nine o'clock, A. M. then and there to take into consideration what Measures are most proper to be adopted under the present critical aspect of the Times; agreeable to a Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants for that Purpose; And to act upon such other Matters as may properly come before said meeting. By order of the Select-Men. William Cooper, Town Clerk. Boston, September 10, 1768.

Of the most excessive rarity, and fresh as the day of issue. This is really the call for a meeting, the prime factor of which was to resist, with force if necessary, the landing and quartering of troops in Boston, which were being sent there by Great Britain to enforce the collecting and levying of taxes which the colonies had objected to. See full sized facsimile.

Account of the Meeting at Faneuil Hall

- 318 Printed Broadside: At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, legally qualified and warn'd in public Town Meeting assembled, at Faneuil-Hall, on Monday the 12th of September, A. D. 1768. The meeting was opened with Prayer by the Reverend Dr. Cooper. The Honorable James Otis, Esq., was unanimously chosen Moderator. . . . Attest William Cooper, Town Clerk. Folio.

This Broadside is of the most excessive rarity. This meeting was called for the purpose of protesting against Great Britain quartering soldiers in the Town of Boston, or in fact any part of the American colonies for the purpose of collect-

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By Order of the Select-Men,

William Cooper, *Town-Clerk.*

Boston, September 10, 1768.

Facsimile of Lot 317.

ing taxes unjustly imposed upon them, and this publication gives an account of the meeting in full, of their address to Gov. Bernard requesting upon him to call an extra session of the Assembly "for the preservation of our rights and privileges." Gov. Bernard's refusal and reason why. The resolutions passed in reference to the impending trouble, in which they made this extraordinary resolve, which was really the first attempt at armed resistance under the cover of protecting themselves against invasion by the French. "And forasmuch, as by a good and wholesome Law of the Province, every listed Soldier and other Householder (except Troops, who by Law are otherwise to be provided) shall be always provided with a well fixed Firelock, Musket, Accoutrement and Ammunition, as is in said Law particularly mentioned, to the Satisfaction of the Commission Officers of the Company: And as there is at this Time a prevailing apprehension in the minds of many, of an approaching War with France; in order that the Inhabitants of the Town may be prepared in case of sudden Danger. Voted, That those of the said Inhabitants, who may at the present be unprovided be and hereby are Requested duly to observe the said Law at this Time." A resolution was also adopted at this meeting, favoring a Convention of Delegates representing all the towns of the Province to meet in Boston 10 days later, and naming Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Thomas Cushing and James Otis to represent Boston at that convention.

The Broadside is stained and slightly torn in one fold, but otherwise clean as when issued; see facsimile.

A Message to the King

The Convention of Delegates from every Town in the Province, September 22-28, 1768, appoint a committee to draft this important letter.

- 319 **Cushing, Thomas.** Speaker of the Colonial House of Representatives of Massachusetts, Member of the Provincial Congress of 1774. Received the Hutchinson letters from Dr. Franklin, L. S. 7 pp. 4to. Boston, Sept. 27, 1768. Signed as Chairman. The letter is the handwriting of William Cooper, the Town Clerk of Boston.

Of the most vital Historical interest, undoubtedly the original letter sent to Dennis De Berdt, Colonial Agent, London, and bears the endorsement on the back. "Thos. Cushing, Chairman, Boston, Sept. 27. Reciev'd Nov. 4. Postage 2 4 per Capt. Scott." The letter is torn in the folds, but in excellent condition otherwise.

"BOSTON, September 27, 1768.

SIR:

The Inhabitants of a number of Towns within this Province having at their several Town Meetings legally called, taken under their most mature consideration the great & prevailing uneasiness among the people of the province in general; Arising from an apprehension that their charter and constitutional rights and liberties are infring'd by the late Acts of Parliament for the raising a Revenue in America, without their consent; and also from the immediate prospect of a standing army to enforce the execution of these acts, at this time when they may reasonably hope the late dutiful & loyal supplications of their Representatives for a redress of the grievance is under the consideration of our gracious Sovereign, from whose wisdom and clemency they expect relief: And being deprived of the benefit of a General Assembly: His Excellency the Governor having dissolved the same at an unusual season and in an unusual manner declaring that he does not think himself at liberty to call a new one, till he shall receive further orders from his Majesty. The said Towns have severally made choice of Committee Men to meet together to consult & advise to such measures as may tend to promote the peace and good order of his Majesty's Subjects in this Province at so alarming and distressing a crisis. And being convened for the purpose aforesaid at Boston, we have taken the earliest opportunity to assure the Governor of the Province, and the world in our petition affix'd to his Excellency which we caused immediately to be published and is herewith enclosed, that we desclaim all pretensions to any authorative and governmental acts; and you will please to observe by a copy of our whole proceedings now sent to you, that we have strictly adhered to the express design of our Convention—

We have taken the Liberty to write to you as a known friend of the Province, and to beg the favor of you to use your kind endeavor to prevent any misrepresentations of our meeting and proceedings which our Enemies may be ready to make. We flatter ourselves you may from this instance be enabled to afford to his Majesty's Ministers, and the good people of Britain a fresh token of the loyalty of our respective towns to his Majesty, their attachment to his government and love of peace and good order.

We wish and pray for the happy time when a national attention shall be given to the grievances we labor under and the true source of them, when such a period shall come we are persuaded that the union and harmony which has hitherto subsisted between Great Britain & the Colonies, and upon which the welfare of both undoubtedly depends will be confirm'd and established.

The Present discontent we apprehend originally arose from the Nations having been informed of the ability of ye people here to pay considerable duty & Taxes; whoever made such a representation surely did not attend duly to the heavy load of debt lying

upon the province incurred chiefly by our expences in defending and enlarging his Majesty's American Territories in the last war, which was borne by the people with the greatest alacrity. The nation being itself involved in a heavy debt, was easily induced to avail herself of the supposed affluence of the Colonies, and unfortunately as they apprehend took such a measure as will naturally awaken the Jealousy of every free & sensible people, namely by passing acts to tax them without their consent.

The late Stamp Act made for this purpose was ordered repealed, But other acts of the same nature & tendency tho' perhaps not so apparently obnoxious, are in full force and daily executing.

The people in consequence complained of these Acts as being abridgements of such constitutional rights as are laid deep in the foundation of nature; but these complaints have been represented as arising from a spirit of faction, disloyalty & rebellion. Their most dutiful and loyal petitions to his Majesty they have been informed by the last advice from London had not reach'd the Royal presence: Nay his Majesty as they are told has been assured that his Subjects of this Province have even attempted to excite the same spirit among his other Colonies, by a circular letter, the only purport of which was to acquaint them of their having petitioned for relief from the common grievance with hope of success from the Royal clemency In order to raise the Jealousy of the Nation, the most trifling incidents have been wrought up to the highest pitch of aggravation by persons who still find means to gain a credit there. We shall only recur to the most recent instances.

On the 18th March last being the anniversary of the repeal of the stamp act and observed as a day of rejoicing, a few disorderly persons mostly boys assembled in the evening; paraded some of the Streets and finally repaired to the house of John Williams, Esq., the Inspector General. Whether their design was to do him an injury or not, by his address and soft treatment of them together with the interposition of some of the neighbouring householders, they soon retired and dispersed, without doing any mischief at all. His Majesty's Council in their answer to the Governor which is enclosed have declared this to be too inconsiderable to make it a subject of representation, and that it could not have been made the subject of so injurious a one but by persons disposed to bring misery and distress upon the Town and Province, and their declaration it is said has given great offence to the Governor.

There was indeed on the 10 of June following something that had rather more of the appearance of riot, but it was only of a few hours existence & with very little mischief. But as we are informed that the town of Boston have already given you a full account of this affair supported by affidavits, we shall not give you the further trouble of reciting it but refer you to their letter. It is however to be observed that if the Inhabitants of that Town had been disposed to give the least countenance to the riot, so exasperated were

the people at the extraordinary & unusual exertion of the Naval power when there could be no apprehension that the King's Officers would be in the least measure molested in the due execution of lawful power as well as at the haughty behavior of the Commissioners of the Customs, that the least countenance would have been sufficient to have led them on to extremity, but they soothed them and the people soon dispers'd after having broke a few panes of Glass not to the value of five pounds. We cannot help taking notice here of a notorious instance of the inveterate temper of our enemies, in a representation made of this riotous assembly having burnt a beautiful Barge belonging to the Collector of the Custom before Mr. Hancock's door. As this worthy Gentleman sustains a public character, and is one of the principal Inhabitants in the Province, it is apparent that the malice of the writer of that letter was not confined to a single Gentleman, but extended to the public. The truth is the Barge was burnt on a Common surrounded with Gentleman's Seats, and the scene was not more before Mr. Hancock's door, than that of divers other Gentlemen in the neighbourhood, the mean insinuation that it was done under the influence of Mr. Hancock is so far from the least shadow of truth, that it is notorious here that the tumult was finally dispers'd principally by his exertions: animated by his known regard to peace and good order. His Majesty's Council afterwards gave a just account of the occasion of this riot & repeatedly desired that the Governor would order the same to be made public but without success. Care was taken however by those who to speak in the softer terms are unfriendly to us, to transmit this affair to the Nation in as aggravated a light as to increase to a high degree, and we cannot indeed wonder that when such false representations are made by persons as we have reason to believe of rank & figure here our Mother Country should for a while give credit to them, & under an apprehension of general insurrection should send a military force to subdue a People if we may be allowed to say it. At least as orderly & well affected, as sensible of their Just rights and yet as patient under oppression till they can be constitutionally relieved as any in his Majesty's Empire—

Nothing we apprehend is wanting to restore a much desired harmony but for his Majesty Subjects on both sides the Atlantick fully to explain themselves to each other which is not likely to be done thro' the medium of interested & designing men. Such men would not scruple to raise their fortunes though at the ruin of the Empire—Could such men be removed, the Nation's attention to the calm voice of reason which we humbly apprehend has been uttered by the Colonies, would soon view the disposition of the Colonies, we may at least be allowed to say that of this Province, in its Just rights and be convinced that it is their strongest inclination as well as in their power to add strength & riches to the Mother State, and administer to the splendor of the British Crown.

Thus we have given you a full account of the occasion nature & design of our convening which is by no means to assume to ourselves any authority of Government, but only as a number of private fellow Subjects met together to consult & advise the most effectual measures to promote the peace and good order of his Majesty's Subjects at this very difficult & distressing time. We herewith enclose to you an humble dutiful & loyal petition to our most gracious Sovereign, which we beg the favor of you to present to his Majesty in person as speedily as possible, we rest in strict truth and with great respect &c.

At the desire & in behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS CUSHING, *Chairman*.

THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT HISTORICAL PAPER WRITTEN BY WM. COOPER, TOWN CLERK, AND SIGNED BY THOS. CUSHING "*At the desire and in behalf of the Committee*" CONTAINS PRACTICALLY ALL THAT IS EXTANT ON THAT SUBJECT, AS DILLIGENT AND CAREFUL SEARCH FAILS TO REVEAL ANY COPIES OF THE SAME EITHER IN PRINT OR MANUSCRIPT. EARLY IN 1768 GOV. BERNARD DISSOLVED THE LEGALLY ELECTED ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE, AND THE CONVENTION REFERRED TO IN THIS LETTER, MET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING THE ATTENTION OF KING GEORGE THE THIRD PERSONALLY TO THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE COLONIES. THE GOVERNOR REFUSED TO RECONVENE THE ASSEMBLY UNDER THE FLIMSY PRETENSE OF NOT HAVING THE POWER WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE KING. IN REFERENCE TO THIS CONVENTION, BRADFORD, IN HIS HISTORY OF BOSTON VOL. 3 P. 24 SAYS "*On the 12th of September, a meeting of the town was called.*" "*Proposed a convention of delegates from the several towns to meet in Boston in 10 days.*" "*On Sep. 22nd Delegates from more than one hundred Towns assembled. . . Remained in session four days.*" (WINSOR VOL. 3 P. 25 SAYS 6 DAYS). . . *The Governor was petitioned to call an Assembly. . . He refused to receive the petition. A Report was prepared and published in which they disclaimed all legislative and governmental Authority and as it was reported the petition of the late Assembly had not been presented to the King. We hoped their complaint would reach the ears of their Gracious Sovereign.*" p. 167. *This meeting was represented to Genl. Gage as designed for purposes of conspiracy. . . Troops were then ordered into the Town.*" PAGE 174. "*The petition was also offered in the House of Commons . . . when it was known that the body had no legal existence . . . the petition was not allowed to be referred.*" WINSOR IN HIS MEMORIAL HISTORY OF BOSTON VOL. 3 P. 25 SAYS '*The convention met on Sept. 22nd and was composed of Representatives of nearly every Settlement in the Province. . . The same Officers were chosen for Chairman and Clerk that filled those positions in the late Assembly. . . THE GOVERNOR WAS PETITIONED TO "cause an Assembly to be immediately convened. . . He refused to receive the petition and denounced the Convention as Illegal, advising the members to separate at once or they*

would repent their rashness. The Convention remained in session six days. . . A Respectful petition to the King was prepared, in which they wholly disclaimed the charge of a rebellious spirit . . . when the proceedings of the convention were submitted to the Attorney General and to the Solicitor General in England to ascertain if they were treasonable, both declared that they were not. . . Look into the papers, said De Grey and see how these Americans are versed in the Crown Law. I doubt whether they have been guilty of an overt act of treason, but I am sure they have come within a hair's breadth of it."

NOTE—A Search of the files of the Massachusetts Gazette, News-Letters, and Post Boy of Sept. 8th, 12th, 15th, 19th, 22nd, 26th, 29th, Oct. 3rd, 6th, 1768, being every number issued during these five weeks failed to reveal any Report whatsoever of the proceedings of this important convention and as it was unofficial and not a continuous organization, records of the proceedings have not been preserved.

The Suppressed Letter to Dennis De Berdt, the Agent for the Colony in Great Britain, Signed by John Hancock and others

320 Hancock, John. L. S. 7 pp., 4to. Boston, November 12th, 1768, to Dennis Deberdt. Signed also by Joshua Henshaw, Joseph Jackson, John Ruddock, John Rowe, Saml. Pendleton and Henderson Inches.

THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT Historical Letter is endorsed on the back, *Select Men of Boston*. Received Decr. 27th. Answered Pack't Jany. 2. It is torn in the folds and the Signature of Henderson Inches is damaged.

"BOSTON, November 12th., 1768.

SIR:

The present deplorable condition of this Town, especially since the arrival of his Majesty's troops, is the occasion of our troubling you with this letter; and altho' we have no pretensions as selectmen of the town, to address you in your public character as Agent for this province, yet we flatter ourselves that you will excuse the freedom we take in applying to you as a true friend to Britain & the Colonies, when we apprehend the interest and welfare of both requires it: No honest man can be indifferent when public measures appear to be taken destructive of the common cause of their Country, such is the apprehension of all judicious & sober men here,

whose idea of this country is not local but extended to the whole British Empire.

Indeed Sir, the Town of Boston have as just a sense of their duty and are as warmly attached to their Sovereign, as any of his subjects either in Europe or America; must it not then give pain to them to be treated in such a manner as evidently proves them to be suspected, not barely of being disorderly & tumultuous, but even rebellious! this must be the sentiment which Administration entertains of us; otherwise whence is it that we are unfortunately changed from a free City to an almost garrison state? Time we doubt not will alter this sentiment; but it is much to be feared will not effect it till by discouragements and hardships we shall be render'd useless to our mother country, if not totally ruin'd.

The Continent of America has loudly complain'd of the late revenue acts, their true sentiments have been so explicitly declared that the nation cannot be ignorant of them, if we have reason'd falsely upon the subject, should we not be convinced by sound reason—military power may indeed reduce us to a slavish subjection, but such sort of argument was never calculated to enlighten the understanding, and induce a willing obedience; When we thus speak the language of truth and nature, our enemies misconstrue it into a secret intention to throw off a constitutional dependence on the authority of Great Britain, but we appeal to every public declaration of this town; if any principles are to be found in those declarations, which are not founded in, or fairly deduced from the British constitution, the common right of all British subjects, we are ready to retract the error—But our enemies have a more secret way of attacking us, & ungenerously stab us in the dark; and some of them having a credit with the great at home, by reason of their stations here, have not scrupled by private informations falsely to charge Individuals with criminal speech or behavior, and have even made use of anonymous publications in the news papers and represented them as specimens of the disposition of the whole; In short we are reduced to a situation much like that of Rome in its time of degeneracy, when street conversation was picked up by persons as public pimps to form the measures of public administration.

The cause of America we are sensible is extremely unpopular in Britain, this is our misfortune; for the nation is by this means disposed more readily to harken to reports to our prejudice and indeed to pour upon us her legions to secure our fidelity, rather than any longer to depend upon a more Solid bottom, and which after all is the only security worth her dependance AN ENGLISH AFFECTION; as an evidence of this we need only recur to the inclosed declaration of his Majesty's Council of this Province wherein you will observe that the reason assigned for ordering two regiments from Halifax to this place was a riot said to have happen'd on the 18th of March last, and those from Ireland were ordered in consequence

of another riot on the 10th of June last, the former of which in the opinion of the Council and indeed of ours, was too inconsiderable to be made the subject of representation and that it could not have been made the subject of so injurious a one, but by persons disposed to bring misery and distress upon the Town and Province; with respect to the other the council observes that it seems to have sprung wholly from those who complain'd of it, and that it seems probable an uproar was hoped for and intended to be raised by the manner of proceeding in making the seizure of the Sloop Liberty, and Council further declare unanimously that the civil power does not need the support of troops, and that it is not for his Majesty's Service nor the peace of the province that any troops should be required. This Sir is the opinion of gentlemen who are sworn to give faithful advice & whose Integrity and Judgment the governor must be supposed to rely upon, Since he expressly approved of them as fit for their important trust.

But however unnecessary the ordering of troops here in reality was, means have been found to make it appear to administration to be necessary.—

The introduction of troops among a people conscious of their unrival'd loyalty, and love of order who have never interrupted the operation of the revenue acts, nor given the least occasion for the commissioners of the customs to apprehend any danger to themselves or their officers, must be in the highest degree disgusting; yet unwelcome as they are in the disagreeable light of a military government, the utmost decorum has been observed on the part of the inhabitants, we wish we could say this of the troops, the warlike parade of the Ships of war which encircle the town, the hostile appearance of the troops in landing, their quartering themselves in the body of the town instead of the barracks, provided for them, in open defiance of an act of parliament, and the behavior of too many of them particularly that of captain Willson of which you have affidavits inclosed; in short the full possession they have taken of the town, breaking up ground and erecting a building upon the property of the town against the remonstrance of the owner, would give a stranger an idea of us not as the free and loyal subjects of the best of Kings, but as conquered by a foreign power—their whole proceedings and the circumstances relating thereto appear to have been truly narrated by an unknown hand in a New York paper, which we herewith send you for your perusal.—

With regard to the quartering those troops in the body of the town, and not in the barracks provided for them at the Castle we think it necessary particularly to explain it to you that the act of parliament entitled an act for preventing mutiny and desertion, in that part of it which relates to the quartering of troops in America; seems to intend the doing it with all possible convenience to his Majesty's subjects in civil communities—accordingly the Military

officer is altogether restrain'd from quartering himself and his Soldiers, this being to be done by the civil officer according to the direction of the act, if any colony inclines to be at the expence of providing barracks, here the troops are to be quartered, and in *no case* in any other place till they are full, after which they are to be put into Inns, livery stables and uninhabited dwelling houses, and this by the civil officers *only*, if these should be filled further provision is then to be made by the governor and council; now this colony has been a great expence in providing barracks at the castle, which is not at a distance of three miles from the body of the town and within the city limits, the barracks are in the best order and capable of containing one thousand men, yet they have been absolutely refused, and the Officers have hired houses some of them at extravagant rents, and quartered the soldiers therein to the great annoyance of the inhabitants; the only plea for their acting contrary both to the letter of an act of parliament, as well as putting the Crown to so extraordinary an expence, is that the intention of the troops would be otherwise defeated which is to aid the civil magistrates in supressing riots; if this plea is admitted, the Idea is changed from MARCHING TROOPS into a STANDING ARMY, thus we are first charged as rebellious & then punished for it without a hearing. If we are innocent of the charge, the punishment is unjust; we are then upon a footing of a leige subjects, and if the King's subjects are secured by the Bill of Rights from the inconvenience of having a *standing army posted among them* without their consent in parliament—have we not a right of complaint that this is done without our consent.

In short, according to the present appearance of things it is much to be feared that the unhappy difference which has too long subsisted between the Mother country and colonies is not likely soon to subside—we and all good men wish for an accommodation upon the rooting of equity and the principles of the British constitution, if Britain hearkens to the accounts of interested men she may render her colonies forever useless to her—if she treats them with justness and tenderness she may depend on their affections, and her own glory and riches will be advanced in proportion as they increase in number.—

This town in particular can truly boast of a loyalty inferior to none of his Majesty's subjects, whoever has otherwise represented them, has greatly affronted and injured them, yet they are now oppressed with troops, the power of civil magistrates has already been opposed as appears by Mr. Cudworths deposition, Citizens frequently affronted, abused, & wounded, and even our town watch our only security in the night insulted, as is evident from the watchmens depositions inclosed, our servants corrupted & inticed to murder their masters, in short we are hasting to all the calamities of a compleat military government, which in a city is worse than anarchy itself—at present the town is patiently hoping for relief, and we tntreat you Sir, to make use of your influence that our un-

happy circumstances may be known to those who have it in their power to obtain our relief.

We remain

with great respect

Your most humble

Servants.—

JOSHUA HENSHAW

JOSEPH JACKSON

JOHN RUDDOCK

JOHN HANCOCK

JOHN ROWE

SAML. PEMBERTON

HENDERSON INCHES

Selectmen of Boston.

DENNIS DEBERDT, ESQ.

This is the suppressed letter from the selectmen of Boston of November 12, 1768, to Dennis De Berdt, Esq., Colonial Agent in London, it is in the handwriting of William Cooper, the Boston Town Clerk, the contents of this letter being treasonable, its publication was suppressed by action of the Selectmen of Boston. See Report of Record Commissioners Minutes November 9, 1768. "Mr. Ruddock and Mr. Pemberton were appointed a committee to draft a letter to Mr. Agent De Bert relative to a state of our affairs."

Page 315—Meeting November 12, 1768. Present—Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock Rowe, Pemberton, Inches. Voted "That a letter original of which is on file and of this date, be sent Mr. Deberdt, and a copy thereof, with the necessary alterations to John Pownall, Esq." Meeting November 14, 1768. ORDERED BY THE SELECTMEN THAT NO COPY OF THE LETTERS TO MR. POWNALL AND MR. DEBERDT BE TAKEN OR GIVEN OUT BY THE CLERK.

Winsor's Memorial History of Boston, Vol. 3, p. 26, foot note 2, "There is in the Charity Building Collection a draft of a letter from the Selectmen Nov. 12, 1768, to Pownall and Deberdt as indorsed by Wm. Cooper on the present deplorable condition of this town—changed from a free city to an almost garrison state."

The draft referred to by Mr. Winsor is not now in the remnant of that collection which is in a large scrap-book in charge of the Boston City Registrar nor in the Archives of the City Clerk. The most diligent and exhaustive search failed to reveal a draft in manuscript and no printed copy is known to be extant, since a thorough search of the Boston weekly and semi-weekly papers for the entire month of November, 1768

proves it to have been suppressed at the time it was written for transmission to Europe.

The endorsement to this and the preceding letter proves beyond per-adventure that they were the original papers which were sent to Dennis De Berdt the Colonial Agent in Europe through the hands of Arthur Lee who acted as agent of the Selectmen of Boston at the time. Lee having failed in this mission to have the case of the colonies presented personally to the King, he returned to America and these letters together with the two following lots were found among his papers.

- 321 **Watchman's Affidavit.** Boston, November 5, 1768. Folio, Attested to and signed by John Ruddock, Justice of the Peace, endorsed on the back, Watchman's Affidavit 5 November, 1768.

This is the affidavit of the watchmen Benjamin Burdick and Edward Langford which is referred to in the preceding letter of the Selectmen of Boston and which was sent at the same time to Dennis De Berdt Colonial Agent at London. It reads as follows:

"BOSTON, November ye 5, 1768.

At two o'clock in the Morning Benjamin Burdick Constable of the Watch & Edward Langford a proper Watch Man being upon our rounds returning to our Watch House meeting with three Officers as we gave the Time of Night they gave the Time of Night in Answer to us with a great noise in the streets and we hailed them & they came up to us & call'd us damd Scoundrels & swore by God they would put the Constable in Irons then we retired to our Watch House Then he went to the Guard gave the command not to suffer the Watch to hail any Body in the street we told them our orders were to hail every Body that walked the streets & we should obey Our Order then they replied God damne you you scoundrels I will pull you out of the House & put you in Irons & all the answer I gave them was as thus. Gentlemen I am sorry to see you behave in such a Manner in the Street & they still kept cursing and daming of us & we never receiv'd so much abuse in our lives.

BENJAMIN BURDICK
EDWARD LANGFORD

Suffolk S. S. November 10 1768 then appeared Benjamin Burdick & Edward Langford Subscribers to the above written deposition & having been carefully examined and cautioned, made oath to of the same.

Coram JOHN RUDDOCK Just pacis.

- 322 **Pre-Revolution Manuscript.** A Contemporary Manuscript of four pages, lettered from page four to page seven. No date.

This manuscript seems to be original notes taken by one of the select men of Boston for the benefit of Dennis De Berdt, Colonial agent at London. It gives an account of the number of regiments ordered to be quartered in Boston with remarks upon the rashness of the act, and referring to the Convention of the People to take measures against such a procedure and commenting upon the high-handed manner in which Governor Bernard had dissolved the assembly and refused to call another. Including also a copy of a letter of Richard Cary of Boston Oct. 1, 1768, to Dennis De Berdt giving an account of the doings of the convention of the People of Boston, the reception of the Troops and commenting on the conduct of the Governor.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 323 **Adams, Samuel.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A series of letters and documents in reference to the execution placed against him in 1768 as tax collector for the non-payment of the taxes laid upon the town of Boston in 1764. Consisting of:

1st. A printed Broadside dated March 5, 1768 signed by William Cooper Town Clerk, being a notice to the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to Meet at Faneuil-Hall on the Fourteenth Day of March to Nominate and Choose Persons to serve the Town the year Insuing and to Consider the Petition of Samuel Adams a late Collector that further time be allowed him to collect his outstanding debts that he may be enabled to Complete thereby the obligation of his bond. Small 4to.

2nd. The Original Manuscript Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Boston Dated March 16, 1768, praying that more time be granted Samuel Adams to make good the money due by him to the Town of Boston for Taxes Collected, and begging a re-consideration of the vote taken by the Inhabitants Contrary to this Request. Signed by Benjamin Faneuil, Jr. Moses Peck, Daniel Hubbard, Nathaniel Cary, Joshua Winslow, John Winslow and fourteen others. Folio.

3rd. A printed Broadside being a notification that the Select Men Had received a Petition from a number of Gentlemen to move for a re-consideration of the Vote that passed at the Meeting on Monday Last on the Memorial of Mr. Samuel Adams. "That a further time of six months be allowed him for collecting his Taxes and that the Treasurer be directed to stay execution until that time." Boston, March 17, 1768. Small 4to.

4th. Autograph letter signed of H. Gray, Treasurer of Boston. 2 pp., 4to. Dated March 23d, 1768. Addressed to the Committee of the Town of Boston refusing on his part to grant a stay of execution against Samuel Adams for the non-payment of Taxes Collected and giving his reasons therefore.

Exceedingly interesting collection and gives an insight into some of the financial troubles of this great Patriot.

- 324 **Armstrong, John.** Brigadier General in the Revolution and author of the Celebrated "Newburgh Letters," Secretary of War, A. L. S. 4to. 2 pp. 1836 to Major Henry Lee,
A fine Historical Letter giving his views of the political state of the country and the election of Van Buren, and also mentioning his history of the war of 1812 and the life of General Wayne.

- 325 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. 3 pp. Red Hook, Nov. 17, 1834, to Major Henry Lee.

A fine gossip letter, giving an account of the various intrigues of Joel Barlow and in which he has this to say about Napoleon: "How do you mean to treat Bonaparte's Policy in regard to us? In my intercourse with him on that subject, I found him not insensible of the violence he did to our rights, personal and national, but determined to disregard them, because incompatible with what he called his system. His conduct on this subject is quite indefensible, but on the ground that the duty of the head of a nation is to pursue his conception of its interests, though opposed to all considerations merely raised—a sort of madness which seems to have got a pretty fast hold of our old friend Andrew."

- 326 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to 3 pp. Red Hook, Jan. 1, 1833, to Major Henry Lee.

An exceedingly interesting personal letter giving his views of John Adams' Eulogy on James Monroe in which he says: "In this the ex-President not only committed the blunder of mistaking a lucky intriguer, for a sage and hero, but was silly and wicked enough to mask under his praises of Monroe an attack upon me. Having no respect for the judgment of the Eulogist, my first impression was to let it pass, as the mere flourish of the Rhetorician—who cared little about the truth or the falsehood of his panygerick—but some of my friends, of a character more sensitive than my own—tho' not estimating the man or the work higher than I did—pressed me so often and seriously to say something in reply—that I at

last consented—and in a brief space of 40 or 50 Octavo pages, have as I think said enough to correct the meditated mischief, The last child of an old man's getting, is as you know always a favorite, and it may be that in this case I have mistaken a production rickety & short lived for one of sounder stamina."

- 327 **The Same.** A. L. S. folio. Lower Red Hook, July 29, 1829, to Maj. Henry Lee.

Mentioning the intended publication of his Notices of the late war.

- 328 **Bancroft, George.** Historian. Sec. of The Navy. L. S. 4to. Washington, March 26, 1846.

- 329 **Benjamin, Judah P.** Atty.-Gen. and Sec. of War of the Southern Confederacy. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, May 29, 1854, and A. L. S. 8vo. Washington, March 4, 1854. 2 pieces.

- 330 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. New Orleans, July 12, 1853, and Sep. 4th, 1858. 2 pieces.

- 331 **Bonaparte, Joseph.** Comte de Survilliers, King of Spain and Brother of Napoleon Bonaparte. A. L. S. 4to. Point Breeze, May 18, 1831, to Charles Carter Lee, with address.

- 332 **Boston.** An A. L. S. of John Lane. Dated London, April 7, 1768, giving an account of his conversation with General Conway and Colonel Barre, in which he presents them with thanks of the Town of Boston for their friendship to the colonies.

- 333 **Boston.** The Original autograph report of the Committee appointed by his Excellency Wm. Shirley, Esq., Captain General by Commission bearing date of the 14th of June, 1742, to repair the Batterys in the Town of Boston. Signed by J. Jeffries, Jonas Clarke, Thomas Hancock, Middlecott Cooke, and John Steel. Dated Boston, May 1st, 1746. 3 pp. folio.

Thomas Hancock who signed the above document was the Uncle, and paid for the education of, John Hancock the Signer.

- 334 **Boston.** Partly printed document being a sheriff's attachment against Deborah Paddy. Signed by Joseph Webb. Dated Boston, Nov. 21, 1693. 4to.

- 335 **Boston.** Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Boston for a Meeting to consult what is necessary for its defense against a probable invasion by the French. Dated Boston, Sep. 21, 1746. Signed by J. Osborne, J. Willard, Jacob Wendell, William Foye, James Bowdoin, J. Wheelwright, Andrew Oliver, Eben Hutchinson, John Indicott, Joseph Russell, Richard Gridley, John Durham and John Ridgway. 4to.

*This most important Historical paper reads as follows:
"To the Select Men of The Town of Boston:*

"Whereas this Governm't have obtained Intelligence of a large squadron of French Ships on the Coast of Nova Scotia which may make an attempt upon the Town of Boston, We the Subscribers desire that you would call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town to consult what may be done for the Defense & Safety of the Town & that the Said Meeting be held without Delay. Boston Sept. 21, 1746."

- 336 **Boston.** An original manuscript petition to the Select Men of Boston, dated Sep. 12, 1711. In reference to the repairing of Summer St. in sufficient manner to make it passable for carts. Signed by Seventy of the most eminent citizens of Boston at the Time including Josiah Franklin, Father of Benjamin Franklin; Samuel Adams, Signer of the Declaration of Independence; Thomas Newton; Thomas Lincolne; John Manning; John Barratt; Thomas Thornton and others. 2 pp. folio.

- 337 **Boston.** Original Manuscript Bill of the assessors of the Town of Boston for the year 1717. 4to. Boston, March 3, 1717-18. Signed by Dun Powning, John Marshall, Nathaniel Green, David Farnum, Jonathan Loring, and others.

- 338 **Boston.** Manuscript agreement of various citizens of Boston. Dated Boston, April 10, 1706. Agreeing not to serve wine or other drinks at funerals or wear gloves, and to donate the money usually expended for this purpose, for the education of poor children. Folio.

This paper contains the names of ninety-two of the most Prominent citizens of Boston all written by one person, among which will be found the names of Cotton Mather, Increase Mather, Samuel Willard, Henry Dering, David Copp, Thomas Cushing, Joseph Belknap, Andrew Elliott and others.

- 339 **Boston.** An original Manuscript Order of the Select Men of Boston dated June 23, 1773, to Thomas Daws &

Jacob Horner, to examine the condition of the chimnies of a house in Joliffs Lane. Signed by John Scollay, Thomas Marshall, Samuel Austin, Oliver Wendell and John Pitts.

- 340 **Boston.** A petition to the Select Men of Boston of Mary Durant for a License for a House of Public Entertainment, dated June 30, 1718. Folio. Signed by Silence Allen, John Beaudre, Elisha Odlin, William Griggs. David Collson.

- 341 **Boston.** An Original Manuscript Petition of the Citizens of Boston to the Committee appointed to receive proposals touching the old buildings situated in Dock Sq. Boston, dated Feb. 22, 1732. 3 pp. folio. Containing signatures of 210 of the most eminent citizens of Boston, including Thomas Hutchinson, Colonial Governor of Massachusetts; Stephen Minot; Samuel Sewall; Thomas Fitch; James Bowdoin; Adam Winthrop; Samuel Pemberton; Thomas Cushing; John Arbuthnott; William Williams; William Bullfinch; Nathaniel Saltonstall; Roland Cotton; John Bradford; George Minot; Peter Faneuil; Andrew Oliver; John Winslow; Thomas Boucher; Benjamin Salisbury; Richard Gridley; William Paine, George Monk; James Davenport; Jonathan Bernard; Elijah Andrews; Benj. Faneuil, and Jonathan Dwight.

This important document, and veritable directory of the City of Boston, advocates the demolition of the old buildings on Dock Square for the purpose of building a Market house, we have only mentioned a few of the important names signed to the document.

- 342 **Boston.** The Original Manuscript Report of the Select Men of Boston dated May 12, 1747, on the condition of the Public Schools of Boston, folio. Signed by Samuel Adams (signer of the Declaration), John Steel, William Tatler, and Abiel Walley.
- 343 **Boston.** The Apprenticeship papers of Ebenezer Tollman a poor child to Nathaniel Hodgen. Dated Boston, July 14, 1720.
- 344 **Boston.** The Same, of Mary Ghent a poor child to Samuel Withington. Dated Boston, Oct. 18, 1720.
- 345 **Boston.** The Same of Margaret Roy alias Lord to Ebenezer Jones. Dated Boston July 7th, 1687, witnessed by Jacob Elliott, Thomas Downe, Simon Lynde, and William Gerrish.

- 346 **Boston.** The Same, of Hannah Seccombe a poor ehild to Thomas Veren. Dated Boston Feb. 26, 1693.
- 347 **Boston.** The Same, of John Tante to Thomas Martin. Dated Boston June 24, 1686. Signed William Gerrish.
- 348 **Boston.** The Original Manuscript Memorial of Thos. Boyleston of Boston to the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Boston to widen Peirces Alley. Dated May 1717. 3 pp folio and signed by 110 Citizens residing near the said Alley, including Nicholas Belknap, Joshua Loring, Stephen Minot, Danl. Hinchman, David Franklin, William Palfrey, Peter Cutler, Andrew Elliott, Stephen Paine, etc.
- 349 **Botetourt, Norbourne Berkeley, Baron de.** Colonial Governor of Virginia; Parehment, D S. folio. Williamsburgh July 14, 1769.
- 350 **Broadside.** Original Play Bill of the Theatre Royal of Edinburgh, for Wednesday March 6th 1776, presenting The Comedy of the Jealous Wife and also giving notice that on Thursday March 7, 1776, will be presented the Tragedy of Cato and the Comedy of the Guardian; For the Benefit of the Fund for the Relief of His Majesty's Sick and Wounded Troops, and the Widows and Children of the Slain in America. 2 pp folio.
- Excessively rare and particularly interesting from the fact of its connection with the Revolutionary War. Aside from being water stained, it is in excellent condition.*
- 351 **Broadsides.** Notification to the Freeholders of the Town of Boston to meet at Faneuil Hall May 5, 1769, to depute persons to represent them in the Great & General Court or Assembly. Signed Wm Cooper, Town Clerk, and dated May 1, 1769 & Notification to the Freeholders of Boston to meet at Faneuil Hall on May 23, 1768, to choose three Select Men. Signed Wm. Cooper, Town Clerk. Dated May 19, 1768. Small 4to. 2 pieces.
- 352 **Breckenridge, John.** Attorney Gen. of the United States. Author of the famous Kentucky Resolutions of 1798. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Frankfort, June 5, 1801. To Genl. Jno. Preston with address.
- 353 **The Same.** A. L. S. folio & 4to. Various dates (1783-1801.) 12 pieces.

354 **Breckenridge, Jno.** Eminent Presbyterian Clergyman participated in the "Hughes & Breckenridge" religious controversy. A. L. S. 2 pp, 4to. Princeton, Sep. 22, 1818.

355 **Carleton, Sir Guy.** Lord Dorchester. Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in America. Distinguished at Louisburg, Quebec and Belle Isle. L. S. folio. New York July 25, 1783, to Jno. Hancock.

356 **Carroll, Wm.** Governor of Tennessee. Served under Gen. Jackson with distinction at New Orleans. A. L. S. 4to, 2pp. Nashville Feby. 8, 1828.

A fine historical Letter. Indicating Gen. Jackson of the charge of Massacreing the Indians at the Horse Shoe.

"I have seen the address of the Anti Jackson convention of Virginia, in which General Jackson is charged with the cold blooded massacre of the Indians at the horse shoe. During the whole of the Creek war I served as Inspector General of the Army, was present at the battle of the horse shoe, and can say of my own personal knowledge that the charge is wholly destitute of foundation. Towards the close of the action after the trench work had been taken by assault, a number of Indians took refuge under a quantity of brush and logs. General Jackson advanced to within a short distance of the place of their concealment and directed his interpreter George Mayfield to assure them, that if they would surrender they should be treated with the greatest humanity. They answered the proposition by firing upon and wounding Mayfield severely in the shoulder. A similar proposition was also made through Jim Fife an old Cherribee and the fire of the Indians was the only reply it rec'd. After a number of our men were killed and wounded by these Indians, and after they had twice refused to surrender upon any terms the brush was set on fire and but few of them escaped death. The prisoners taken on that day were humanely treated by General Jackson." &c.

357 **Cooke, John Esten.** A Distinguished Southern Author, Served in the Confederate Army, wrote the Life of Gen. Robt. E. Lee. Original Autograph Poem. Signed. 2pp, 8vo entitled "The Ballad of Little Roland, from Uhland."

358 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo. Head Quarters, Artillery, Army of N. Va. Dec. 5, 1864 to the Editor of the Cornhill Magazine.

On the back of this letter is another A. L. S. dated Headquarters Artillery, Army N. Va., Dec. 20, 1864. Signed as Captain of Artillery, and relating to sketches sent to the Cornhill Magazine for publication.

- 359 **The Same.** A. L. S. folio, 2pp. Vineyard, June 27, 1850 to his father.
- 360 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Vineyard, Aug. 15, 1852 to his father.
- 361 **Confederate.** Oath of Allegiance to the Confederate States and permission to travel, signed by C. Griswold Provost Marshal. May 12 & July 10, 1862.
- 362 **Crittenden, Jno. J.** Attorney Gen. of the U. S. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Washington, April 29, 1856, to Alex. H. H. Stuart, with franked addressed Envelope.
- 363 **Custis, George Washington Parke.** The Adopted Son of Genl. Washington. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Arlington House, Jan. 29, 1846.
- 364 **Dinwiddie, Robert.** Colonial Governor of Virginia. Parchment D. S. folio. March, 1756.
- 365 **Dwight, Timothy.** Chaplain in the Continental Army. President of Yale College. A. L. S. 4to. New Haven, Jan. 15, 1812.
- 366 **Dunmore, John Murray, Fourth Earl of.** Colonial Governor of Virginia. Burnt Norfolk, Va. during the Revolution. Parchment D. S. folio. Williamsburgh, July 5, 1774.
- 367 **The Same.** Parchment D. S. folio. July 5, 1774.
- 368 **Duyckenick, Evert A.** Author. A. L. S. 4to. Various dates. 2 pieces.
- 369 **English, Thos. Dunn.** Author and Poet. Wrote the popular song "Ben Bolt." A. L. S. 8vo. Newark, May 20, 1880.
- 370 **Faneuil, Benjamin.** Eminent Bostonian. D. S. 4to, 3 pp. Boston, 1759. Application for a License signed also by Stephen Boutineau, Chas. Paxton, Royall Tyler, Jno. Green and others.
- 371 **Fleming, Wm.** Member of the Old Congress, and Jurist. A. L. S. folio. Botetourt Court House, Aug. 13, 1779.

- 372 **Hancock, John.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. D. S. 4to, 2 pp. Boston, Sep. 2, 1765. Signed also by Joshua Henshaw, Jos. Jackson, Benj. Austin & Samuel Sewall, all Selectmen of Boston.
A Petition for a License for Jno. Molloy to retail Spirituous Liquors.
- 373 **Hancock, John.** D. S. folio, 2 pp. May 4, 1768. Signed also by Jos. Jackson, Saml. Sewall, Wm. Phillips, Timothy Newell & Jno. Rowe, Selectmen of Boston.
The Report of the Selectmen on the Condition of the Public Schools.
- 374 **Harrison, Benjamin.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. D. S. folio. Richmond, Nov. 3, 1783.
- 375 **The Same.** D. S. folio. Richmond, July 17, 1782, with seal in Red wax.
- 376 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Richmond, Nov. 3, 1783.
- 377 **The Same.** D. S. folio, 1784, damaged.
- 378 **Harvie, Jno.** Member of the Old Congress. A. L. S. 4to. Dec. 6, 1780, with address.
- 379 **Hayne, Paul H.** Poet and Editor. A. L. S. 4to. Various dates, 2 pices.
- 380 **Henry, John.** Member of the Old Congress & Governor of Maryland. A. L. S. folio. Dec. 13, 1767.
- 381 **Henry, Patrick.** Member of the Old Congress. The most able orator of the Revolution. Governor of Virginia. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. L. Island, Jan. 25, 1794, with address.
- 382 **The Same.** A. D. S. 4to, 3 pp. April 10, 1789. Legal Opinion.
- 383 **The Same.** D. S. folio. Various dates. 5 pieces.
- 384 **The Same.** Parchment, D. S. folio. Richmond, April 4, 1786.
- 385 **Hopkins, Samuel.** Officer in the Revolution: served with distinction at Princeton, Trenton, Monmouth & Brandywine. A. L. S. 4to. Logsedale, Sep. 21, 1797, with address.

- 386 **Irving, Washington.** One of the most gifted American Authors. The Biographer of Washington. A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pp. Sunnyside, May 8, 1857, to Chas. Carter Lee, with addressed envelope.

A fine letter in reference to his life of Washington, in which he says: "I have endeavored to be accurate and to state nothing but what I conceived to be founded on competent authority; but am sure and more aware how difficult it is, with all one's efforts, to attain historical accuracy. My fourth volume is about to issue from the press, and I am now resting from my labours, rather satisfied by the toil of furnishing manuscript and correcting proof sheets with the imps of the press at my heels; this I trust will serve as an apology for the brevity and hurried nature of this scrawl. I have consulted your brother's campaign of 1781 just before putting my volume to the press, and shall procure a copy of his observations on the Writings of Jefferson," etc.

- 387 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo, 4 pp. Sunnyside, July 31, 1857. To Chas. Carter Lee, with addressed envelope.

*This letter is also in reference to his life of Washington. In it he says: "I have been charmed with the bold and buoyant character and hardy exploits of your father in his youthful Military days. The popular appellation of 'Light Horse Harry,' by which he was known in the Revolution, had a peculiar relish to me and stamped him with an individuality. * * * My account of the battle at Monmouth was founded on various statements, but I governed myself in the use of them by the published Proceedings of the General Court Martial" (of Genl. Chas. Lee), etc.*

- 388 **Jackson, Andrew.** President of the United States. "The Hero of New Orleans." A. L. S. folio. Dec. 1, 1827. To Major Henry Lee, with address.

- 389 **The Same.** A. L. S. in the third person, 4to. June 16, 1827, with address.

"Genl. A. Jackson & Lady with compliments to Major Henry Lee & Lady will be happy to see them at the Hermitage where they will hale them welcome & make them as comfortable as our situation will permit," &c.

- 390 **Johnson, Andrew.** President of the United States. A. L. S. 4to, 4 pp. Washington City, Dec. 10, 1852. To A. G. Graham, with franked addressed envelope.

A fine specimen and an interesting political letter: "Democracy is onward, it is progressive in the proper Sense of the term."

- 391 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. House of Reps. March 12, 1852. To A. G. Graham, with franked addressed envelope.
- 392 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Greeneville, May 15, 1853. To A. G. Graham, with franked addressed envelope.
- The three above letters of Andrew Johnson are all unusually fine specimens, and all interesting politically. His letters are the most difficult to obtain of all the Presidents.*
- 393 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Nashville, June 28, 1856. Signed as Governor of Tennessee.
- 394 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Nashville, March 20, 1854.
- 395 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Nashville, Sep. 4, 1855.
- 396 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Nashville, March 31, 1854.
- 397 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Nashville, Dec. 22, 1854.
- 398 **Johnson, Reverdy.** Attorney General of the U. S. A. L. S. 4to, 4 pp. Washington, May 4, 1850, with franked address.
- 399 **Johnson, Richard M.** Vice-President of the U. S. A. L. S. 4to. Feby. 20, 1838.
- 400 **Jefferson, Thos.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. President of the U. S. D. S. folio. Williamsburg, Dec. 23, 1779 & Feby. 1, 1781. 2 pieces.
- 401 **Jones, Gabriel.** Member of the Old Congress. Did not attend. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. April 18, 1769.
- 402 **Knox, Henry.** Maj. Gen. in the Revolution. Secretary of War. Copy of a Letter sent to Job Greene, notifying him that Congress was sending him a sword, voted to his father, Col. Greene, for gallant action and defeat of the Germans at Red Bank in 1777.
- 403 **Lee, Henry.** Distinguished Officer in the Revolution. Commander of Lee's Legion," received the nickname of "Light Horse Harry." Member of the Old Congress. A. L. (Signature cut off), folio, 4 pp. Camp in Augusta, May 29, 1781. To Lieut. Col. Goodgion.

A highly important historical letter, notifying Lt. Col. Goodgion, a Prisoner, to prepare for death in retaliation for the cruel murder of Major Eaton. On the back Col. Lee has

written "to force Col. Brown into a communication, which hitherto he had refused. I wrote this letter to Lt. Col. Goodgion." We quote the letter in full.

"I transmit herewith a correspondence between Lt. Col. Brown & Corp'l Eggleston, which was opened by my officers during my absence, in consequence of the cruel murder of the amiable Major Eaton.

"I will not comment on the aggravating circumstances (learnt from the prisoners taken in the action) which attended this impious deed, nor will I compare the situation in which the body of my brother soldier was found when victory gave us his grave, with your commander's answer to Cap't Eggleston requisition, or to the attention which the corps of Major Gordon received from me. How Lieut. Brown will reconcile the interment of Major Eaton to the politeness of a gentleman, to the duty of a member of a civilized community, or to his written declaration, I will refer to a future day to his own ingenuity.

"In the certainty that little time will present objects more suitable for retaliation than yourself because authors of the crime & your superiors in rank, my own inclination prohibits me to wait. But least the world should affix the idea of a personality to a punishment merely just and politically necessary I am induced to act in conformity to my just determination.

"In obedience to which I must summon you to prepare for death, & request you to appoint the mode & hour. The regard which I possess for virtuous men; from the character I have of you, renders me unhappy, that the lot should fall on Lt. Col. Goodgion.

"But my duty to the public overcomes all my weaknesses as a man, & conscious of the rectitude of my conduct I am unalterable in my decions.

"To afford the most incontestable proof of the moderation & equity of my conduct, I will give you an opportunity to repeat the demand made by an officer in the service of the United States, for the murderers of Major Eaton.

"Whatever issue your remonstrance may have, will be published to the world that mankind, as well as yourself, may know to whom blessings & to whom curses are due on this occasion."

404 **The Same.** A. L. S. folio, 6 pp. Feby. 3, 1781. To Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene.

An important historical letter in reference to the Campaign in South Carolina. Having received orders from Gen. Greene to join his army; he expresses regret, and pleads to be allowed to follow out his own idea of a campaign in the Carolinas. "Fort Moultrie is an object of the first consequence and might be the source of the most lasting benefits, if taken by us; its garrison is small. Savannah & Beaufort are in

the same situation. Two thousand Continental troops lay in prison ships in Chstoven Harbor. Cooper & Ashly rivers communicate directly with them. What may not a true spirit of enterprize effect? One hund'd chosen infantry with my Legion would perhaps be a sufficient number. If you think proper to adopt the scheme, favor me with your full instructions, give me the additional number, place one nine pounder in some secret position near Pedee, where I may get it when wanted, honor me with frequent letters, establish a communication in cyphers & I will devote myself to rendering you the most efficient services. I think you cannot do anything decisive with your Army, as you cannot risk an action only on partial grounds, nor do I believe Cornwallis can succeed in his schemes unless No. Carolina oppose the United States," etc.

- 405 **The Same.** D. S. folio. Richmond, May 15 & May 6, 1793. 2 pieces.
- 406 **Lee, Henry.** Son of the preceding. Officer in the War of 1812 & Author. A. L. S. with initials. Folio, 7 pp. Providence, Nov. 20, 1817. To Chas. C. Lee.
- 407 **The Same.** A. L. S. folio, 4 pp. Nassau, Dec. 15, 1816.
- 408 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. Various dates, 3 pieces.
- 409 **The Same.** A. L. S., with initials, folio & 4to. Various dates.
- 410 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. Various dates, one damaged. 3 pieces.
- 411 **Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth.** Eminent Poet. L. S. 4to. Cambridge, Nov. 19, 1839.
An endorsement to a letter written by Prof. C. C. Felton of Harvard University, recommending Rev. Thomas P. Lee as a Professor of Belles Lettres.
- 412 **Madison, James.** P. E. Bishop of Virginia. A. L. S. 4to. Williamsburg, Oct. 2, 1798. To Col. Breckenridge, with address.
- 413 **Madison, James.** President of the United States. "Father of the Constitution." A. L. S. 4to. Jany. 12, 1820, with franked address.
- 414 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. Montpellier, Jan. 31, 1825. To Major H. Lee, with franked address.
In reference to the movements of the Southern Army from Deep River to the Santee in the campaign of 1781.

- 415 **The Same.** A. L. S. folio. N. York, Nov. 25, 1787, with franked address.
- 416 **Marshall, John.** Chief Justice of the U. S. & Biographer of Washington. A. L. S. 4to. Richmond, March 27, 1787, with address.
- 417 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Richmond, Oct. 30, 1830. To Chas. C. Lee, with address.

*A fine letter giving his opinion in full of Thos. Jefferson, which is not of a very flattering nature. "I will not deny that I felt considerable excitement on reading the correspondence of Mr. Jefferson. The Federalists, a name designating those who were originally friendly to the Constitution and who afterwards supported the administration of General Washington, have never been charged with wanting that wisdom which belongs to honest statesmen, though certainly very defective in that management which captivates, and sometimes imposes on the mass of mankind. But Mr. Jefferson charges them with hostility to republican government, and with a conspiracy (at the head of which General Washington must be placed since the only evidence to sustain the charge is their support of his measures), to change our free government into a Monarchy formed on the British model. Many of his censures are founded on personal acts of General Washington—such as his meeting Congress the first day of its session in person, etc. I was acquainted more or less intimately with almost every leading man in Congress of the federal party, and can say with confidence that a more patriotic and truly republican party never guided the counsels of this country. * * * I have for the first time permitted myself to speak freely on this correspondence. This letter of course is private."*

- 418 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Richmond, Oct. 25, 1830. To Major Henry Lee.

This letter also reviews the correspondence of Thos. Jefferson. "I have read, I need not say with astonishment and deep felt disgust, the Correspondence of Mr. Jefferson published by his Grandson. Such a posthumous work was I believe never before given to the world. The deep rooted prejudices of the American people in his favor and against those who supported the administration of General Washington would not be more fully illustrated than by the manner in which the work has been received. It has been said, I know not how truly, that the papers were selected by himself for publication," etc., etc.

- 419 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Richmond, Aug. 11, 1833. To Major Henry Lee, with address.

An interesting historical letter in reference to his life of Washington, mentioning some few errors and omissions.

- 420 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Washington, March 15th, 1835. To Major Henry Lee, with address.

A Long and interesting letter in reference to our Treaty with France, etc.

- 421 **Mason, James M.** Confederate States Commissioner to Great Britain. A. L. S. 8vo, 4 pp. Selma, Oct. 11, 1860.

- 422 **Mason, John Y.** Secretary of the Navy & Attorney General U. S. A. L. S. 4to. Richmond, Sep. 14, 1850.

- 423 **Massachusetts.** Two State Treasurers' Notes. Dated July 17, 1777 & Feby. 5, 1780.

It is quite likely that the designs on these notes were engraved by Paul Revere.

- 424 **Massachusetts.** Anno Regni Annae Quinto. An Act Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Begun and Held at Boston upon Wednesday, the Twenty-ninth Day of May, 1706. 4 pp, folio, uncut. Boston, Printed by B. Green, 1706.

Excessively rare. An Act for Apportioning and Assessing of four several Taxes on Polls and Estates. Pursuant to the Funds and Grants made to her Majesty by the General Assembly in the Years 1704, 1705 & 1706.

Letter Signed by Increase Mather, Cotton Mather, &c.

- 425 **Mather, Increase.** Called the Father of New England Clergymen. Opposed Violent Measures towards those accused of Witchcraft. President of Harvard University. **Cotton Mather**, His Son. The most noted of New England Divines, a firm believer in Witchcraft. The Historian of his country and **Benjamin Colman**. Pastor of the Brattle Street Church, chosen President of Harvard University, but declined. Letter signed by all three, and in the handwriting of Benj. Colman. 4to, 2 pp. Boston,

Moreover we crave leave to present unto yr Town
Mr. Williams his Petition to them, to make some additi:
al conveniences to his House; without which he wither
eth he has room eno' for his Family, nor that his Ser:
nts can be safe in case of sickness.

We persuade our selves that we need not urge yr Gen:
men of the Town to a due concern for the honourable
part of Learning among us, to which is owing that Repu:
tion which we have among the Provincers, & whereon yr Religion
virtue of this People doth under God so manifestly depend: Nor need
I say to you how great an Interest of any place the Educa:
on of its Children in good Literature is: We only add
therefore our Prayers to God (which you are witnesses we
ily pour out) for his Blessing on the Town in all respects,
especially for his Spirit on us & on our Offspring;
are

Gentlemen, some of your Affectionate
Ministers & humbly devoted Servants,

Jeremy Mather

Cotton Mather.

Benja. Colman.

Boston. May: 13.
1714. /

We the undersigned Ministers of yr. Town, having lately accompanied the Gentlemen yr. select Men, in a visitation of the two Grammar free schools, according to a late desire & vote of yr. Town signified to us; & finding the order, & increase & progress of Learning in said schools to answer our reasonable expectations, we hold our selves obliged at this time to signify the same unto the Town, & to recommend the worthy Master & Usher of said schools unto the best regards of yr. Town which they highly merit by their faithful care & great labour in so difficult & honourable a service.

And particularly since the price of all Necessaries for a family are of late risen so exceedingly, we do humbly and earnestly recommend it to yr. Town that they would please to make some suitable addition to yr. Masters Salaries, without which we know not how they can be able to subsist comfortably.

And whereas we have been given to understand by some that without some considerable addition to the Reverend Mr. Williams his salary, he will be obliged to leave the school, we hold our selves bound to declare our thots freely & faithfully in that case, which is, That we judge it would be greatly to the prejudice of Learning in the Town, & scarce to be repaired these many years to come; for we know of no one equal furnished for so important a service, which highly deserves great reward from yr. publick.

Moreover

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of
Boston the 3^d of Feb^y 1718

Being present five of them in Number

It is unanimously Voted, That m^r Thomas Robie be
desired to succeed as Master of the Grammar School at the
North end of Boston, in the Room and stead of m^r John
Harnerd who at his desire was by the Select-men on
the 13th of Jan^y dismissed from that Service.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed to Notify the Rev^d
ministers of this Town thereof, Deferring a Certificate of
the Ministers Approbation relating to their Schol^rship, un-
agreeable to the Directions in the Law.

A true Copie as entered wth the Records of
the Town of Boston.

Exam^d J^o Joseph Trout Town Clerk.

This Choice above said Approved By

Major Mason

Colton Walker

Benjamin Wadsworth

Benjamin Colman

Joseph Sewall

Thomas Davis,

John Webb.

William Cooper

Vote: Had the Clerk be directed in name of the
the first opportunity to give the said Robie an opportunity
to undertake that charge as soon as may be in signifying to him
to inform him (as soon as may be) in signifying to him
for me keep his mind & satisfaction relating thereto

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May 13, 1718. Addressed to the Inhabitants of Boston at their public Meetir June 14, 1718.

A Choice specimen and of the most excessive rarity, as fresh as the day it was written. Giving an account of their visit to and the condition of the Grammar Schools of Boston.

SEE FAC-SIMILE.

Document Signed by Increase Mather, Cotton Mather, Benj. Wadsworth, Benj. Colman, Joseph Sewall, Thomas Prince, John Webb, and Wm. Cooper.

- 426 **The Same.** The Votes of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, desiring Thos. Robie to accept the position of Master of the Grammar School of Boston. Folio. Boston, Feby. 3, 1718, a true copy in the hand and signed by Joseph Prout, Town Clerk; Endorsed by **Increase Mather**, the Father of New England Clergy; **Cotton Mather**, of Witchcraft fame and author of "Magnalia Christi Americana;" **Benjamin Wadsworth**, The Philanthropic President of Harvard University; **Benj. Colman**, Pastor of Brattle Street Church; **Joseph Sewall**, The Eminent Divine; **Thomas Prince**, The Eminent Minister and Chronologist; **John Webb**, and **Wm. Cooper**, The Eminent Pastor of Brattle Street Church.

Of the most excessive rarity, probably never again will the opportunity occur of obtaining the signatures of so many of the First Clergymen of Boston, in one grouping. The document is as clean as day of writing. SEE FAC-SIMILE.

Letter of Gen. Hugh Mercer who fell at the Battle of Trenton.

- 427 **Mercer, Hugh.** Brig. Genl. in the Revolution. The Companion of Washington in the French and Indian War. Led the Column of Attack at the Battle of Trenton, where he fell, dying several days afterwards. A. L. S. folio. Orange, March 24, 1774.

Slightly torn in the folds, but a good specimen of a very rare autograph, and one of the most difficult to obtain of the Generals in the Revolution.

- 428 **Monroe, James.** President of the United States. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Ballston Springs, July 20, 1831. To C. C. Lee, with address.

- 429 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pp. July 1, 1831.
- 430 **The Same.** D. S. Small 4to. Various dates, 3 pieces.
- 431 **The Same.** Parchment D. S. folio. Richmond, Aug. 11, 1801.
- 432 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Various dates, 2 pieces.
- 433 **Monroe, Eliza M.** Wife of the President. A. L. S. 4to, 4 pp. Fanwood, Aug. 8, 1824.
- 434 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. Various dates. 2 pieces.

The Notification to Gen. Lee of the Thanks of Congress for his Address on Washington.

- 435 **Otis, Samuel A.** Member of the old Congress and first Secretary to the U. S. Senate. D. S. 4to, 1799.

An exceedingly interesting Historical document and of peculiar interest as it relates to Genl. Henry Lee's Eulogy on the Death of Genl. Washington in which he introduced for the first time, "First in War, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his Countrymen." We quote the document in full:

"CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

"IN THE SENATE, DECEMBER THE 27TH, 1709.

"*Resolved*, that the thanks of the Senate be communicated, through its President, to General Henry Lee for the eloquent and impressive oration to the Memory of General George Washington, which he prepared and delivered at the request of Congress.

"That the Secretary be directed to apply to General Lee for a copy of the same.

"Attest :

"SAM. A. OTIS, *Secretary.*"

- 436 **Pendleton, Edmund.** Member of the Old Congress. Drew up the Virginia Resolutions to propose a Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. 4to. May 30, 1769. To Col. Jno. Buchanan. **Stained and damaged.**
- 437 **Pendleton, Nathaniel.** Major in the Revolution. Aide to Genl. Greene. A. L. S. folio, 3 pp. New York, May 15, 1810. To Genl. Henry Lee, with memoranda in the hand of Genl. Henry Lee on the last page.

An interesting letter on the subject of Genl. Lee's work on the campaign in the South during the Revolution, giving advice and conveying important information as to the Military standing of himself and several other officers.

- 438 **Pike, Albert.** The Soldier Poet of the Confederacy. A. L. S. (Pike) 4to, 2 pp. Battle Creek, June, 12, 1854.
- 439 **Poe, Jacob.** Relation of Edgar Allan Poe. A. L. S. Small 4to. Winchester, Feby. 18, 1805.
- 440 **Pollard, Col. Benj.** Officer in the Early Indian Wars of New England. A. L. S. 4to. March 24, 1745, with address.
Refusing the position as Fire Ward for the Town of Boston.
- 441 **Proclamation.** The Original Manuscript proclamation issued by Ralph Pigot at the "Court House" in Virginia, Proclaiming the Accession of George the Second to the throne of Great Britain. Dated Oct. 5, 1727.
- 442 **Pryor, Roger A.** Brig. Genl. in the Confederate Army, Member of Confederate States Congress. A. L. S. 4to. Richmond, Sep. 10, 1858.
- 443 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo. Various dates, 8 pieces.
- 444 **Randolph; Beverley.** Governor of Virginia. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Richmond, Dec. 19, 1789.
- 445 **The Same.** D. S. 4to. Various dates, 2 pieces.
- 446 **The Same.** Parchment D. S. folio. Richmond, Aug. 24, 1787.
- 447 **Randolph, Edmund.** Member of the Old Congress & Federal Convention. Aide to Genl. Washington. Attorney Genl. U. S. A. L. S. 4to. Richmond, March 21, 1797, with address.
- 448 **The Same.** D. S. folio, 4to. Various dates. 6 pieces.
- 449 **Randolph, John, of Roanoke.** Distinguished Orator & Statesman. A. L. S. 4to. Bizarre, March 19, 1809.
- 450 **The Same.** A. L. S., with initials, 4to. Dec. 16, 1816.
- 451 **Russell, Wm.** Brevet Brig. Genl. in the Revolution. Distinguished at the Battle of Point Pleasant. A. L. S. 6 pp, 4to. Aspsenville, April 18, 1788.
An interesting letter full of sound Military Advice.
- 452 **Seymour, Horatio.** U. S. Senator. A. L. S. folio. Middlebury, Dec. 23, 1841.

- 453 **Simcoe, John Graves.** Distinguished British Officer in the American Revolution. Commander the "Queen's Rangers." A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Navy Hall, Niagara, Nov. 5, 1790. To Gov. Lee of Virginia. Stained.
- 454 **Simms, William Gilmore.** A Popular Poet & Novelist of the South. A. L. S. 8vo, 4 pp. Brooklyn, Aug. 21, 1867. To Jno. Esten Cooke, with addressed Envelope.
- 455 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. Charleston, June 4, 1867. To Jno. Esten Cooke.
In reference to Cooke's book, "The Wearing of the Grey."
- 456 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4 pp. 8vo. Yonkers, N Y., Sep. 2, 1867. To Jno. Esten Cooke, with addressed envelope.
"I have lost so much money in 30 years by the Proprietors of Magazines & Newspapers, that I am naturally doubtful of the whole tribe."
- 457 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. Woodlands, Feby. 20, 1855. To Jno. Esten Cooke, with address.
- 458 **Slidell, John.** Confederate Commissioner to France. A. L. S. 4to, 4 pp. London, Jan. 15, 1834.
- 459 **Smith, Francis H.** Confederate Officer & Military Engineer. A. L. S. 8vo. Various dates. 2 pieces.
- 460 **Soult, Nicolas Jean de Dieu.** Duke of Dalmatia. Celebrated French General & Marshal of France. A. L. S. 4to. No date. To Henry Lee.
Fine specimen. Signed as Duc de Bassano.
- 461 **Stephens, Alex. H.** Vice-President of the Confederate States. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Crawfordsville. Nov. 21, 1857.
- 462 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Crawfordsville, Oct. 11, 1857.
- 463 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Washington, May 25, 1854.
- 464 **Taylor, James.** Colonial Treasurer and Receiver General of the Province of Massachusetts. Printed D. S. folio. Boston, July 17, 1706.
An order on the Selectmen of Boston for assessing of tax on Polls and Estate.

- 465 **Toombs, Robert.** Brig. Genl. in the Confederate Army. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Washington, Aug. 4, 1857.
- 466 **Tucker, Henry St. George.** Eminent Jurist. A. L. S. 4to. Winchester, Oct. 18, 1808.
- 467 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to. Various dates. 5 pieces.
- 468 **Tyler, John.** President of the United States. A. L. S. 4to. Villa Margaret, Sep. 24, 1860, with franked address.
- 469 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Villa Margaret, May 23, 1860, with franked address.
- 470 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo, 3 pp. Sherwood Forest, May 14, 1860.
- 471 **The Same.** A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Sherwood Forest, April 8, 1860, with franked address.
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ing intelligence which if authentic & the Minister is persuaded it is, will give a favorable aspect to the affairs of the other. Count d'Estaing sailed from Massachusetts Bay in the morning of the 4th in a very stormy gale of a fair wind & went safely to sea, in the Evening of that day an Express from ——— arrived at Boston with information that Admiral Byron's Fleet of 16 Sail of the Line which had been lying perdue, had been overtaken by the Violent Storm which happened on the 3d. The whole fleet were dispersed. The Somerst of 64 Guns wrecked, 40 of her men drowned, about 500 made Prisoners, 4 or 5 large ships were seen entangled among the Shoals & Rocks all their topmasts gone & several lower masts. The topmasts 'tis natural to suppose had been struck. The Ships if not already stranded, were thought to be in the utmost danger," &c.

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he does go around and reinforce Buckner, let Dick Robinson come around and reinforce Sherman, and the thing is substantially as it was when Zollikhoffer left Cumberland Gap. I state this as an illustration, for in fact, I think if the Gap is left open to us, Dick Robinson should take it and hold it, while Indiana and the vicinity of Louisville in Kentucky can reinforce Sherman faster than Zollikoffer can Buckner.

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- 601 **Parton, James.** Biographer. A. L. S. 8vo. & D. S. 8vo. Various dates. 2 pieces.
- 602 **Pennsylvania Evening Post.** From Aug. 3, 1775, Dec. 13, 1777, Dec. 4, 1778 & June 30, 1778.
This issue of Dec. 13, 1777, contains the celebrated letter from Rev. Jacob Duché to Genl. Washington.
- 603 **Pennsylvania.** Early Pennsylvania. Parchment Deed. Signed by James Logan, Thos. Story & Griffith Owen, Dated Sep. 10, 1701, with fine impressions of the Large Wax Seal of the Province, in a tin box, attached.
- 604 **Petition of the Inhabitants of Chester County.** To the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions, for a Bridge across the Brandywine, 1805. Signed by Samuel Painter, Jesse Mercer, Jos. Pennock, Jacob Yearsley, Caleb Dilworth and others. Folio.
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- 609 **Randall, James R.** Author of "Maryland, My Maryland." Autograph copy signed of one Verse of his famous song. Dated April 17, 1887. 8vo.

- 610 **Read, Thos. Buchanan.** Celebrated Poet and Painter. Autograph Poem Signed. 4to, 2 pp. Entitled "The Truant."

On the last page is an A. N. S. Dated Philad. Jan. 23, 1853, in reference to the Poem.

- 611 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo. Rome, Feb. 26, 1869.
- 612 **Read, Harriet D.** Wife of the Poet. A. L. C. 8vo. Oct. 19, 1888, with two Verses of a Poem in the Autograph of her husband.
- 613 **Scientists.** A. L. S. & L. S. of A. Heilprin, Asa Gray, L. B. Di Cesnola, C. Rau, F. W. Putnam, and Frank H. Cushing, F. V. Hayden, J. L. LeConte, etc. 10 pieces.
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- 615 **Shippen, Wm.** Chief Justice of the S. C. of Penn. A. L. S. folio. Philad., Nov. 6, 1770.
- 616 **Simms, Wm. Gilmore.** Popular Southern Poet & Author. A. L. S. "Simms." 4to. New York. No date.
- 617 **Smith, Rev. Samuel F.** Author of "America." Autograph Copy Signed of two Verses of the Hymn "America." Dated Oct. 31, 1892.
- 618 **Sonntag, August.** Arctic Explorer. A. L. S. 4to. New York, June 21, 1856.
- 619 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pp. Dec. 15, 1857.
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- 624 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo. Gotha, Nov. 29, 1873.

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- 626 **The Same.** A. L. S. 8vo, 2 pp. Cedarcroft, Sep. 21, 1866.
Interesting letter to Jas. T. Fields inviting him to Cedarcroft.
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In reference to quotations in some of his works made from some of Whittier's poems.
- 635 **Bancroft, Geo.** Eminent Historian. A. L. S. 8vo, 3 pp. Sep. 13, 1860 to Ticknor & Fields.
Mentions Irving and Bryant.
- 636 **Biddle, Charles.** Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council of Penna. D. S. 4to. Phila. March 20, 1787.
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Respecting Lands in "Katters Kill" "have just opened an Office as Notary Public, Scriviner, and Broker, and believe it will answer."

- 638 **Blount, Wm.** Member of the Old Congress. Expelled from the U. S. Congress for instigating the Indians to assist the British in conquering the Spanish Territory of Louisiana. A. L. S. folio. New York, April 18, 1787. Signed also by Benj. Hawkins & Jno. B. Ashe, both members of the Old Congress.
- 639 **Botetourt, Norbonne Berkeley, Baron de.** One the last & Best colonial Governors of Virginia. Parchment D. S. folio. Aug. 27, 1770. Worn in folds, but with fine signature.
- 640 **Bourne, Benj.** Jurist. Member of Congress during Washington's administration. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Philad. Dec. 21, 1790. To Welcome Arnold.
- 641 **Bowen, Jabez.** Revolutionary Patriot. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Providence, May 16, 1783 to Gen. Greene. Inlaid. *Congratulating him on the General Peace.*
- 642 **Braxton, Carter.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Williamsburg, April 5, 1780 to Wm. L. Hollingsworth, with address.
- 643 **Brewster, Sir David.** Distinguished English Scientist. A. L. S. 4to, 4 pp. Edinburgh, Dec. 5, 1822, with address.
- 644 **Brownson, Nathan.** Member of the Old Congress from Georgia. A. L. S. folio, 3 pp. Augusta Dec. 1, 1781, to Maj. Gen. Greene, with address.

An exceedingly interesting historical letter in reference to the trouble with the Indians.

"I have sent out parties with orders to patrol on this side the Oeony River, to give us the earliest notice of the approach of any parties of Indians. * * * We were obliged before we had anything to apprehend from the Creek Indians, to keep more than one-half of our citizens constantly on duty, without being able to give them any pay or support, so that they are reduced to a situation in point of clothing truly distressing, many of them without shoe or stocking, hardly rags enough to hide their skins, and without a Blanket. In this plight they have done the severest duty. * * * But there is a point in suffering beyond which human Nature cannot support itself, in this situation instead of receiving aid from our adjoining sister State we have been obliged to support her in this quarter, we furnished one hundred men for the expedition lately carried on against the Cherokees. * * * The Enemy had removed all their heavy cannon & baggage from Ebenezer & have re-enforced their post on the south side Ogiehie at Gov. Wright's Plantation.

* * * Their intention appears to me to be covering the provision in that part of the country which they are removing into Savannah as fast as possible, which if they are suffered to do, it will be impossible for us to support a body of troop equal to operate offensively against Savannah, to prevent it without aid from the Continental Army appears to me impracticable. * * * I am convinced your own propensity to relieve distress will induce you to afford us every support in your power," etc.

- 645 **Bryan, Geo.** Member of the Stamp Act Congress. President of the Supreme Executive Council of Penn. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Philad. Sep. 24, 1782.

Augusta Made Capital of Georgia.

- 646 **Bryan, Jonathan.** A Georgia Patriot in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. Augusta, Sept. 16, 1781, to Maj. Genl. Greene, with address. Inlaid.

*"We have made the Town (Augusta) the Capital of the State and our Government is once more Established, our Assembly is Adjourned till it is thought necessary to call them together. General Twiggs is with his Troops near Savannah. We have sent all Women who are connected with the Dissaffected Familys to their Husbands and Friends in Savannah. * * We are about sending for the Head-Men of the Creek Nation down to give them our Talks."*

- 647 **Cadwalader, John.** Brig. General in the Revolution. Fought a Duel with Gen. Conway for insulting Washington. Served at Trenton, Princeton, Germantown, &c. A. D. S. 8vo. Dec. 28, 1772.

- 648 **Catawba Indians.** Kershaw, J. A. L. S. folio. Canada, Mar. 24, 1786, to Genl. Moulton.

Urging protection of the Catawbias, who are entitled to it for faithful attachment to us from the Cherokee War in 1760 to this time. "Had they not been our friends they would have been dangerous enemies."

- 649 **Clinton, James.** Brig. Gen. in the Revolution. Served in Braddock's Expedition. Father of De Witt Clinton. A. L. S. folio. Little Britain, Oct. 11, 1782, to Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth, with address.

- 650 **Cobden, Richard.** Celebrated English Statesman and Economist. Father of "Free Trade." A. L. S. 8vo. Sep. 27, 1862.

- 651 **Crawford, Wm. H.** Secretary of War & Treasury. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, July 17, 1821.
- 652 **Davie, William R.** An efficient and brave officer in the American Revolution. A Lawyer and a Statesman. A. L. S. 4to. Waxhaws, S. C., March 10, 1782, to Gen. Greene. Inlaid.
A Mr. Summerville, A Good Whig, credited necessities to some British Officers who were robbed. They forgot it when back in Charlestown and Davie asked permission for Summerville to see them.
- 653 **Dearborn, Henry.** Distinguished Officer in the Revolution. Served at Bunker Hill. Maj. Gen. in the War of 1812. Secretary of War. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Aug. 19, 1818, to Genl. Henry A. Dearborn. Inlaid.
- 654 **De Braham, Ferdinand.** Major in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. Drayton Hall, Aug. 27, 1782, to Genl. Greene.
Apologizing and explaining that on account of having discharged a servant, and want of a horse, he has not been able to wait on the General.
- 655 **Dinwiddie, Robert.** Colonial Governor of Virginia. Parchment D. S. folio. Williamsburg, Aug. 16, 1756.
- 656 **Drayton, William.** Colonial Chief Justice of the Province of East Florida. A. L. S. 4to, 1785, to Gen. Greene. Inlaid.
- 657 **Dunmore, John Murray, Earl of.** Colonial Governor of Virginia. Parchment D. S. folio. Williamsburg, July 5, 1774.
- 658 **Fauquier, Francis.** Colonial Governor of Virginia. D. S. folio. Williamsburg, Nov. 1, 1765.
- 659 **Fauquier, Francis.** Colonial Governor of Virginia. Parchment D. S. folio. Williamsburgh, Aug. 16, 1764.
- 660 **Ferdinand II, King of Spain.** Patron of Columbus. L. S. folio, n. d. Fine specimen. Rare.
- 661 **Florida. Murray, W. V.** Envoy appointed by John Adams to adjust French troubles. A. L. S. 4to. 4 pp. The Hague, Aug. 29, 1797, to John Lusac, Dutch Journalist and friend of Washington and Adams.
A beautiful written letter, cynical as to the French.
 "The very heavy exactions of France from this country * * *
 I trust my country may be saved. If anything can save it, the great

work must be accomplished by the appeal of truth to that good sense upon which I rely—and nothing will more tend to remove the meek veil of Fraternity & to expose the hideous features behind it.” Refers to the Rattlesnake’s charming eye, the last page of the letter is a relation of a plot of Wm. Blount’s, Senator from Tennessee, “The last sister of the Union, has been detected in a high misdemeanor amounting in its nature to Treason. He try’d Mr. Liston the British Minister last winter to induce him to embark with him in a scheme of invading the Spanish Provinces of the two Floridas, promising to co-operate with his white friends & the savages bordering upon Tennessee. * * * The Secretary of War, McHenry, detected the plot, & B. is now in confinement or expelled from the Senate.”

- 662 **Gadsden, Christopher.** Member of the Stamp Act Congress and of the Old Congress, and Brigadier General in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. High Hills of Santee, November 4, 1781, to Maj. Gen. Greene, with address. Inlaid.

Fine specimen. “We long to hear the particulars of the late Glorious Victory.” Capture of Yorktown.

- 663 **George III, King of England.** Fine cut Signature, with two British Stamps on the back.

- 664 **Georgia.** Resolution of the House of Delegates, Friday, May 24, 1782. Original M. S. copy sent to Maj. Genl. Greene. 4to. Inlaid.

A Resolution to the effect that the powers of the State will be exerted to the utmost to carry on the War, and that propositions of Peace or Truce from the Enemy must be made to Congress, not to this Assembly or any body of Men.

- 665 **Gervais, John Lewis.** Member of the Old Congress and officer in the American Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. November 9, 1781.

Requesting Gen. Greene to spare Capt. George Robison a little ammunition.

- 666 **Gist, Mordecai.** Brigadier General in the Revolution. A. L. S., 3 pp. folio. Light Camp, Chihaw Neck, August 30, 1782, to Maj. Gen. Greene, with address.

An interesting military letter.

- 667 **Greene, Nathanael.** Major General in the Revolution, the officer upon whom Washington most relied. A. L. S.

folio, 2 pp. Morristown, June 20, 1780, to Nehemiah Hubbard, with address. Inlaid.

An interesting item of New Jersey Revolutionary History. "The Enemy are out at this side of Elizabeth town. They marched about four miles into the country and then retreated back again, they came out on Tuesday Night past. There was considerable skirmishing between Maxwell's brigade and the Enemy as they advanced. It is expected they mean to penetrate the country, but I hope they will meet with such a sour face, that they will not like the looks of things and quit their enterprise."

Gen. Greene Applauds Wayne and makes announcement of British desertion to end Hostilities.

668 **Greene, Nathanael.** A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Headquarters, May 28, 1782, to Gen. Anthony Wayne. Inlaid.

*A highly important historical letter. "I was favored last evening with your letters of the 24th and congratulate you upon the advantages you gained over the enemy. Night attacks are always attended with success when they are unexpected. But you must be a little careful for a time how you attempt another, lest the enemy prepare an ambush for you. The Manoeuver was no less bold than it was happily executed. The zeal and activity of the Troops and the spirit and good conduct of the Officers deserves the highest praise in general, but those in action are entitled to particular thanks. You have disgraced one of the best Officers the Enemy have; and I am in hopes this stroke will keep up the spirit of desertion among them. General Leslie has made a formal proposition for a suspension of hostilities to which I told him I could not agree without the order of Congress thereon * * by a vessel lately arrived at Georgetown from the West Indies we learn the Enemy lost three ships of the line in the late engagement and that it was expected Jamaica would be taken, notwithstanding the naval engagement, Count De Guichen had arrived to take the command with such a re-inforcement which gave him a decided superiority."*

Note.—The British officer referred to was Colonel Browne and the affair occurred in Georgia.

Gen. Greene's Letter from Valley Forge.

- 669 **Greene, Nathanael.** A. L. S. 4to. Camp Valley Forge, March 27, 1778, to Gen. Varnum, with address.

A fine specimen asking Gen. Varnum to let Mr. Littlefield go to New England on Business requiring great dispatch.

Situation at West Point After Arnold's Treason.

- 670 **Greene, Nathanael.** A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. West Point, October 4th, 1780, to Col. Pickering. Inlaid.

An Important Historical letter in reference to the condition of West Point immediately after Arnold's Treason. "On my arrival at this place I find everything in so disagreeable a train, so much to do, and so little time to do it in, that I have stoped Capt. Seizer's Company of Artificers from Marching until I could have an opportunity to inform you of the Situation of the Garrison and the necessity for increasing the Artificers here without which it will be impossible to go on with the fortifications agreeable to the order of the Commander-in-Chief. The Engineer requires double the number now in employ here, and there is constant repairs of boats and soforth sufficient to employ fifty men; besides a great number of barracks to be built for the Winter," etc., etc.

- 671 **Habersham, John.** Member of the Old Congress. Officer in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Savannah, Sep. 10, 1782, to Major Burnet.

Important historical letter showing the attitude of Governor Patrick Tonyn, of Florida, "Governor Tonyn informs Governor Martin, that he is very happy in acceding to his proposal of discountenancing and punishing all predatory parties, and that previous to the delivery of his letter, he had given positive orders against such proceedings."

- 672 **Hamilton, James.** Officer in the Revolution. Aide to Genl. Washington. A. L. S. folio. New York, Oct. 5, 1785. Inlaid. To Genl. Greene.

- 673 **Hancock, John.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. D. S. folio. Philad., Nov. 6, 1776. Signed also by Chas. Thomson, Secretary.

The Commission of Wm. Valentine, as Deputy Commissary General for the Troops of South Carolina, with fine signature of Hancock.

- 674 **Harrison, Benj.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Governor of Virginia. D. S. folio. Richmond, Jan. 26, 1784. Soiled.
- 675 **Harrison, Robert H.** Military Secretary to General Washington. A. L. S. 4to. September 13, 1780, to Major Gen. Greene.

Excessively rare and autograph, wanting in most collections. "I find that the idea of our proceedings being committed to others is thought totally inadmissible, and that the General in his Official Character cannot or at least ought not to know anything about them. Each of the Parties, if they wish it, should have a Copy after which it is said they may make what communication of the Contents they please, etc., etc." Fine Specimen.

Manuscript Copy of Hail Columbia in the hand of the Author.

- 676 **Hopkinson, Joseph.** Author of The National Song, "Hail Columbia." Autograph copy signed of "Hail Columbia." Folio, 3 pp. Feby. 22, 1838. In the heading he says: "The following National Song was written in the Spring of 1798, when a War between the United States and France was thought to be inevitable." At the end, addressing Mr. Geo. M. Keim he says: "In compliance with your request, I send you a copy from memory of the Song of 'Hail Columbia.' Jos. Hopkinson. Feby. 22, 1838."

"Hail Columbia—happy land!
Hail ye Heroes—heaven born band,
Who fought and bled in freedom's cause,
Who fought and bled in freedom's cause.
And when the Storm of war was done,
Enjoy'd the Peace your valour won.
Let Independence be our boast,
Ever mindful what it cost,
Ever grateful for the prize,
Let its altars reach the Skies.
Firm, united let us be,
Rallying round our liberty,
As a band of brothers join'd
Peace and safety we shall find."

- 677 **Houstoun, Dr. James.** Surgeon in the Continental Army. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Philad., June 2, 1777, to Genl. Greene. Inlaid.

*A long and interesting letter as to Medical Supplies, and the regulation of the Rank and pay of Chaplains and Surgeons, for Surgeons he recommends \$2 per day and four rations. "General Washington by the best accounts I can obtain, has about 12000 men, and more arriving daily from the Southward, he has moved his head quarters on Monday last to a place called Bound broke, which is not many miles from Brunswick. * * * Governor Tryon, and Col. Walcot with about 300 men lost their lives in that excursion they made into New England*

- 678 **Howe, Robert.** Distinguished Maj. Gen. in the Revolution, it was he who was excepted from pardon by Sir Henry Clinton in 1776. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Ridgefield, Aug. 3, 1779, to Gen. Greene. Inlaid.

He says that he has been making timely acquaintance with the country, the temper of the inhabitants, the past, etc. and mentions that his mind and body has had no rest since he arrived and that he has arranged his troops so as to impress upon the enemy alarm and terror.

Note.—Gen. Howe's hand writing is atrocious and he here says to Gen. Greene "You must not complain of my handwriting, but must learn to read it."

- 679 **Howley, Richard.** Member of the Old Congress. A. L. S. folio. Savannah, Aug. 7, 1782, to Maj. Gen. Greene, with address.

Speaking well of Captain Day, who, he believes is sent to headquarters through a misunderstanding, question of Civil or Military principle.

- 680 **Huntington, Samuel.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Philad., Jan. 2, 1780, to Maj. Gen. Greene. Inlaid.

Signed as President of Congress.

"I have been favoured with your Despatches of the 7th of December and laid them before Congress. They will do everything in their power to supply the wants of the Southern Army. Enclosed you will receive Resolves of Congress of the 28th & 29th ulto. by which you will be informed they approve of your appointment of Colonel Carrington to be Deputy Quarter Master General. I have also enclosed for your information the Extract of a Letter of the 27th ulto. from his Excellency General Washington respecting an Embarkation at New York. I have received no further Intelligence of their Sailing or Destination."

- 681 **Indians.** Jackson, Gen. James. An efficient and brave officer in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to. Savannah, May 6, 1796, to Gov. Irvine.

Asking the Governor to make preparations to meet the Indians on matters of treaty, "The Resolutions of the legislature respecting the sanction of the New York Treaty must not be forgotten."

Izard's Letter on the Evacuation of Charleston. Refers to Washington and Carleton.

- 682 **Izard, Ralph.** Member of the Old Congress. Pledged his Estate for the Purchase of Ships of War during the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Philad., Dec. 2, 1782, to Maj. Genl. Greene.

A highly interesting historical letter.

"I was favored a day or two ago with your Letter of the 8th October, written in full confidence that the Enemy were on the point of evacuating the Town (Charleston). Their words & their actions have certainly given every reason for that opinion, & yet my mind can not be at ease until I am sure that they are gone. Had Lord Rockingham lived, the blessings of Peace would have been restored to the World. His successor is ambitious & treacherous, and as long as it shall be necessary to indulge the malignant heart of his Master with the effusion of human blood, the war will be continued. The most solemn assurances were given by Sir Guy Carleton to General Washington that the King of England was determined on the acknowledgment of the Independence of America. * * * The subsequent proceedings of the British Court have shown that those declarations were founded on deception and falsehood. * * * Reports from New York say that Gibraltar has surrendered. If so the great force which has so long been employed there, may be drawn forth & made useful against the Common Enemy. A vigorous exertion of it in the West Indies may compel them to evacuate New York and Charles Town. M. de Grasse might easily have relieved the latter, & that is a subject on which I never can think without sorrow & astonishment. The Enemy have kept within their lines & General Washington has not been strong enough to attempt anything. * * * De Laney's Corps took two of Sheldon's Dragoons—and returned them. Congress are exceedingly embarrassed about their Finances. The 5 per cent. duty would lay the foundations for paying the Interest due to the public creditors. All the States have agreed to the measure, except Rhode Island & Georgia. The latter I expect will acquiesce, but the Legislature of Rhode Island pertinaciously refuse to concur. * * * Mr. Howell, the Professor of Mathematics in Rhode Island & Delegate in Congress from that State, has been & still continues to be, the principal cause of our distress on this subject."

- 683 **Izard, Ralph.** A. L. S. 4to. Fair Spring, June 19, 1782, to Genl. Greene. Inlaid.

Respecting his entertainment of Baron De Bardeleben.

- 684 **Jackson, General Andrew.** Equestrian portrait, colored lithograph, and View of the bombardment of Odasy.

- 685 **Jefferson, Thos.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. President of the United States. D. S. folio. Richmond, Feby. 1, 1781.

- 686 **Jenifer, Danl. of St. Thomas.** Member of the Old Congress and the Constitutional Convention. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Annapolis, January 21, 1783, to Gen. Greene.

A fine letter in reference to the pay of soldiers in the Maryland line.

"Permit me Sir to Congratulate you upon your restoring to peace and tranquility to the States by drawing the Enemy from Charlestown—Important Event which completes the Glory that your many hard fought battles portended."

- 687 **Jenifer, Danl. of St. Thomas.** Member of the Old Congress & the Constitutional Convention. L. S. folio. Annapolis, May 24, 1776. Inlaid.

- 688 **Johnson, Andrew.** President of the United States. Governor of Tennessee. D. S. 4to. Nashville, Nov. 16, 1856.

- 689 **Knox, Henry.** Maj. Gen. in the Revolution. Sec. of War. L. S. folio. March 10, 1794. Inlaid.

- 690 **Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert. DUMOTIER.** Marquis de. Celebrated French General in the American Revolution, and friend of Washington. A. L. S. 4to. Washington, Feby. 19, 1825.

An interesting letter in English, as to visiting the Governor of North Carolina, mentions "Our Revolutionary Contest—Republican Unanimity and energetic patriotism—is very conspicuous in Virginia."

- 691 **Laurens, John.** Aide to General Washington, a brave and efficient Revolutionary Officer. One of the Forlorn Hope which carried the British Redout at Yorktown and received the Sword of a Commander. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. May 5, 1782, to Maj. Gen. Greene. Inlaid.

A fine historical letter. "From the position of Gen. Marion's Brigade it appears to me that the duty performed by

*the party from the 3rd Reg't might much more easily be undertaken by one from Mayhems. * * * I spoke to the Governor the other day on the subject of hastening the supply of horses."*

- 692 **Lee, Colonel Henry.** Light Horse Harry. One of the most distinguished officers in the Revolutionary War. A L. S. folio. January 1, 1782, to Maj. Gen. Greene. Inlaid.

A fine Specimen of a historical letter. "I lose not a moment in making you happy by sending you the Gazette of the 29th of Decr. in which you will find that St. Eustatius has been recovered in the most brilliant manner. This event may help us, but must reflect the highest honor on the arms of France" and mentions also the evacuation of Stono.

- 693 **The Same.** "Light Horse Harry" of the Revolution. Governor of Virginia. D. S. folio. Richmond, Sep. 2, 1793.

- 694 **Lee, Robert E.** The Great Confederate General, and the Perfect Man. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. San Antonio, Texas, June 27, 1860, to Maj. Earl Van Dorne.

A fine letter, mentioning the promotion of Genl. A. S. Johnson, Gen. Johnston, Col. Riply, etc., and congratulates Van Dorne on his promotion. This letter is of material interest, being written on the eve of the Civil War.

- 695 **Lee, Thomas.** President and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Virginia. Parchment D. S. folio. Williamsburg, Jany. 12, 1750.

- 696 **Long, Nicholas.** An active and Meritorious Officer in the Revolutionary War. L. S. folio. Halifax, March 7, 1781, to Maj. Gen. Burnet, aide to Gen. Greene. Inlaid. *Respecting Military Stores.*

- 697 **Macaulay, Thos. Babington, Lord.** Eminent English Statesman and Historian. A. L. S. 8vo. June 1, 1859.

- 698 **McHenry, James.** Member of the Old Congress and Constitutional Convention and Colonel in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Holts Forge on Chicohominy, July 12, 1781, to Maj. Gen. Greene. Inlaid.

A fine letter mentioning that he had joined the Marquis de Lafayette.

"You may be dissapointed in failing at Ninety Six; but you have carried your arms beyond most people's expectations. I predict

that your successes will soon enable you to confine the enemy to Charlestown. Pre-adventure to do more. One thing you have to fear. A reputation that has reached a certain pitch is with great difficulty supported. Few men possess this art."

Madison's Official Account to Greene of the Mutiny of the Pennsylvania Line, Proceedings at Princeton, &c.

699 Madison, James. Member of the Old Congress. "The father of the Constitution." President of the United States. A. L. S. folio, 3 pp. Jan. 13, 1781, to Maj. Gen. Greene, with franked address.

A highly important historical letter, giving full details of the meeting of the Pennsylvania Line.

"I enclose you an extract of a letter from General Washington of the 2d instant, giving a more precise account of the embarkation from New York on the 20th ulto. than has been before obtained. On the night of the 1st instant a mutinous spirit which had been for some time working in the Pennsylvania Line of the Army broke out with such violence that the utmost efforts of the Officers were insufficient to suppress it. Two of them unhappily fell victims to the fury of the Mutineers, after completely shaking of all military authority they proceeded in an entire body and in regular order to Princeton with an intention as they gave out to come on to this city and with a determination neither to lay down their arms nor return to their obedience until their grievance should be redressed. These consisted principally in the detention of many in service beyond the term of enlistment, and the sufferings of all from deficient supplies of cloathing and provisions, and the long arrearage of pay, contrary to their first plan they declined coming to this place and established their encampment at Princeton, where they entered into negotiations with Genl. Wayne, Lt. Cols. Stuart & Butler (the only officers they suffered to remain among them and whom they kept under close confinement, although in every other respect they treated them with the utmost decorum) on the subject of redress. The nature of some of their demands and the manner of their proceeding gave at length a very serious countenance to the affairs, and as the proximity of Princeton to a place of junction with the Enemy was surmised to be the probable motive of their stopping at that place, as it was confidently alleged that the Enemy were coming out in force to avail themselves of the event, and as many of the troops were foreigners & not a few deserters from the British Army it was thought best to appoint a Committee with full powers to take the necessary steps for quieting the disturbance as speedily as possible. In consequence of the appointment the Committee judged it advisable to proceed

immediately to meet the Troops. The President of the State with several other Gentlemen from this place had set out for the same purpose a little time before then. The information since received both from the forces & the latter is, that the President had met with a confidential reception from the troops, that they had given up to him & Genl. Wayne, an emissary and guide from Clinton with a flattering invitation to them to take sanctuary from their miseries & the resentment of those who had usurped the public authority, under the British Government, that they had been prevailed on to come forward as far as Trenton where an accommodation of principles of equity was pretty far advanced & in a sure train of being soon completed, & that the emissary & guide were under sentence of death, and would be executed yesterday morning."

EARLY LETTERS OF MADISON ARE SCARCE.

- 700 **Marion, Gen. Francis.** The most noted and successful partisan officer in the American Revolution. Called the "Swamp Fox." A. L. S. 4to, April 5, 1782, to Maj. Gen. Greene. Inlaid.

A fine specimen of a scarce autograph and one of considerable historical importance.

"I have seen the Letter sent to Col. Laurens wherein in your wish I could take post at or near the corner" he continues by saying that the country is entirely exhausted for upwards of thirty miles and that Col. Mahams Cavalry is near Strawberry and that he shall march his Brigade (which is very small) to join it "that should the Enemy come out as you suspect, I may be near at hand to obey your orders."

British Take Rhode Island.

- 701 **Maxwell, Adam.** Rhode Island Patriot in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio, 3 pp. East Greenwich, Sep. 1, 1779, to Genl. Greene, with address.

*Interesting as to the conduct of the Tories of Newport. "The unexpected Capture of Rhode Island by the British Troops prevent my departure. No sooner were they sent than I was held up by the Tories, as a person who had been very prejudicial to them. The affair of Church's Letter was wholly laid at my door * * * emissaries were employed to frighten me into a confession of the whole matter, * * * seeing no prospect of their leaving the Island concluded to leave them & Rejoin myself to a People, amongst whom I would rather beg my bread, than to be Chief amongst men who have by their conduct in general, in the country for five years passed disgraced Britain. * * * by what I have heard & seen of you, you are mighty altered*

of late, your universal Character is that of a Good Soldier & a General in whom the greatest confidence is placed by your Country & Superior in Command. I never heard anything said to your personal disadvantage even among your enemies."

The Great Quaker Warner Mifflin to Genl. Greene.

702 Mifflin, Warner. The celebrated Quaker. A. L. S. folio, 3 pp. Kent on Delaware, Oct. 21, 1783, to Genl. Nathaniel Greene. Inlaid.

This letter is of great historical interest, as an exposition of Quaker sentiment as to War and Slavery, and especially valuable as relating his daring in facing Washington and Howe in 1777. He says:

"I had to travel through the contending armies and had to observe the Brutal revenge that appeared in the countenance of the Soldiery against each other. I was not ashamed nor affraid at any time to Face the head Generals of either Army, and the time I was named on the committee to Present a Testimony to our Principle to the two Generals, I thought indeed it was like taking my Life in my hands, when I went up to Perkiomen to General Washington's camp considering the Bloody Business the two armies had been at but Two days before, and the exasperated situation of the minds of the American Army & the inviteracy that had been let in against our Society occasioned by some designing men. There was not much in prospect as to the outward but that our Necks must pay for it. * * * but the innocency and uprightness of our movement appearing in such a manner I thought we were at least treated as Ambassadors from some Prince." To Greene he says, "May I then take the liberty to ask thee, what thou has done with thy share in the Principle and testimony as I understand thou was Educated among us, has the Religion of thy Education never been the religion of thy judgment, * * * or has thou done as Esau did sell thy birthright for a mess of pottage. * * * I believe thou wilt one day find it to be a matter of greater concernment to thee as an individual than all this solicitude about the fate of America." Greene is then urged to give up his slaves and to eschew any profit directly or indirectly, reminding him that liberty has been declared by Congress as the right of all men.

Brisson says of Mifflin, "It is he that amid the forces of War, equally a friend to the French and English and the Americans, carried succour to those who were suffering. Well! this Angel of Peace came to see me."

- 703 **Mifflin-Washington.** Lut. George. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Baltimore, October 24, 1778, to Maj. Gen. Greene, signed in initials. Addressed and indorsed.

Closely written letter of unusual interest. Lut went to see his Fiancé living near Mifflin and often happened in his company. He found him merry from plentiful infusion of the juice of the grape—Lut repeats items of the conversation—Mifflin denied that he caballed against our "Illustrious General"—admitted that he had been displeased at the General's not following his own opinion—he dearly loved and esteemed him—Mifflin talks of challenging some persons (Greene suggested.) Lut makes a confidential statement but Greene must not repeat it—publication may cost Lut the "Girl of My Heart." Lut admits a seeming captivation to Mifflin's advances in order to acquire knowledge of advantage to his friend Greene. The "In Vino veritas" however was not unlimited—for "Tipsy as he was" Lut could pump only so much.

- 704 **Monroe, Jas.** President of the United States. Governor of Virginia. D. S. folio. Richmond, Oct. 4, 1800.

- 705 **Morgan, Lady Sydney.** English Novelist. Author of the song, "Kate Kearney." A. L. S. 8vo, 4 pp. July 14, 1856.

- 706 **Muhlenberg, John Peter Gabriel.** Brevet Maj. Gen. in the Revolutionary Army. "The Fighting Parson." A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. Cumberland, Sep. 12, 1782. To the Governor of Virginia.

Respecting the Commissions of Officers of the Virginia Line, and offers suggestions as to appointments, naming officers and districts.

- 707 **Bloomfield, Joseph,** Brig. Gen. in the War of 1812. Served in the Revolutionary Army. Governor of New Jersey. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Fort Dayton, Aug. 20, 1776. To Maj. Genl. Schuyler, with address.

*A Fine and interesting letter, Refers to the guilt of Simson, and says "The fortification ordered to be built in this place is enclosed & we have taken the Liberty to name it after Col. Dayton. We are now engaged in digging a Ditch and fixing small Picket without the Stockade, on the lines that look towards the Church and Mohawk River. * * * I am honored with the commission of this Garrison, in some measure atone for my want of Experience."*

- 708 **New Jersey.** Ogden, Samuel. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Booneton, Feby. 29, 1784. To Maj. Genl. Greene. Inlaid.

Respecting the settlement of the Cutting Mill Company. Accounts relate to Greene's requisition. He states that he will move to New York and Establish a Dry Goods Store, and that most of his estate is in New Jersey where he is establishing trip hammers, and asks for Scythe workmen from "your State."

- 709 **New Jersey.** Murray, W. V. Envoy appointed by John Adams to adjust French trouble. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. The Hague, Aug. 12, 1798.

*Suggesting the publication of an address of the Governor and Officers of the New Jersey Militia to President Adams, and his answer. "The Militia of New Jersey being esteemed the very finest in the Union * * * their officers distinguished in our Revolution. * * * Logan (Doctor) has put into Paris with letters to Merton & Talleyrand from Mr. Jefferson * * * with a passport signed by Jefferson & a Judge McKean (an old lady) * * * I have had him observed." He is not afraid of France and says "We are in a situation to defy the great Nation." France is playing for time.*

- 710 **North Carolina.** Governors of. Documents signed by Benj. Williams, Richd. Dobbs Spaight (2) & Wm. Hawkins. Folio. 4 pieces.

Thomas Paine leaving America with John Laurens to obtain men and money from France.

- 711 **Paine, Thomas.** The author of "Common Sense," one of the most noted patriots of the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. Jany. 10, 1781. To Maj. Gen. Greene.

A beautiful specimen. We quote the letter in full. See facsimile.

"Dear Sir:

"I have put off the writing this letter to the last moment lest I should be disappointed by any unexpected Circumstance in the journey and Voyage I am undertaking. I received your very friendly and affectionate letter from —— for which I thank you. I followed the advice of it and that with the more readiness as it was the advice too of several of my best and warmest friends. Since which Congress have appointed Col. Laurens Envoy Extraordinary to France, and I shall accompany him there as a Secretary, I am de-

sirous of giving you this information because no endeavors of mine so far as they extend will be wanting to show the necessity of a reinforcement of Cash to the Continent and Troops to the Southward, I LEAVE AMERICA WITH THE PERFECT SATISFACTION OF HAVING BEEN TO HER AN HONEST FAITHFUL AND AFFECTIONATE FRIEND, AND I GO AWAY WITH THE HOPE OF RETURNING TO SPEND BETTER OR MORE AGREEABLE DAYS WITH HER THAN THOSE WHICH ARE PAST. GOD BLESS AND PROSPER YOU.

"Yours sincerely,

"T. PAINE."

NOTE.—The Atheist prays that God may bless Greene.

712 Parton, James. Biographer. A. L. S. 8vo and A. L. S. of Caleb Cushing. Cut signatures of Henry Ward Beecher, etc. 7 pieces.

713 Pendleton, Nathaniel. Aide to Gen. Greene, distinguished at Eutaw Springs. A. L. S. folio. April 8, 1782. To Cap. Hamilton. Inlaid and repaired.

714 Pendleton, Nathaniel. Aide to Gen. Greene. Distinguished at Eutaw Springs. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. Headquarters, May 20, 1782, to Maj. Robert Forsythe.

Signed as aide-de-camp. Respecting supplies for the army and the disadvantages of getting them from Virginia on account of the distance and the high price, and advocating that some more eligible mode of transportation be adopted.

715 Penn, John. One of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania. Parchment. D. S. folio. Feby. 11, 1735, with seal in tin box.

Patent for land in Chester County.

Original Documents Relative to the Pennsylvania and Maryland Boundary Dispute, 1709=1733.

716 Pennsylvania and Maryland Boundary Dispute. Original Documents relative to the dispute between the Proprietors of Pennsylvania and the Lord Proprietary of Maryland. Consisting of—

1st. Printed Broadside. The Case of William Penn, Proprietary, and Governor in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Territories, against the Lord Baltimore's Pretensions to a Tract of Land in America. Granted to the said William Penn in the year 1682, by his then Royal Highness James Duke of York, adjoining

to the said Province, commonly call'd the Territories thereof, &c. 2 pp. folio (Circa, 1709). Probably printed by Wm. Bradford, the first Printer of New York and Pennsylvania.

II. A True copy of the Papers delivered by the Commissioners of Pennsylvania to those of Maryland. Dated Joppa, May 8, 1733, signed by Isaac Norris, Saml. Preston, Andrew Hamilton, James Steele, Robert Charles, witnessed by John Beale & Jeremiah Langhorne, together with the answers of the Maryland Commissioners in reference to the circle maintained in the Deed of Bargain and Sale or Feoffments of New Castle signed by Saml. Ogle, Charles Calvert, Benj. Tasker, Edmund Jenings. Dated Joppa, May 8, 1733. At Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1740, this paper was shewn to, and signed by Jno. Kinsey, Levin Gale, Saml. Chew, B. Young & Jas. Sterling.

III. The agreement of the Commissioners on both sides. Dated Joppa, May 9, 1733, to meet at a certain time at either Isaac Norris, Jr.'s house in Philadelphia, or at the house of Andrew Peterson in the county of New Castle on the Delaware. Signed by Saml. Ogle, Chas. Calvert, J. Howard, Benj. Tasker, Edmund Jenings. At Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1733, it was shewn to, and signed by Levin Gale, B. Young, Jas. Sterling, Clement Plumsted, Saml. Chew and Jno. Kinsey.

IV. The notice of the Commissioners of Maryland. Dated Newcastle, Sept. 4, 1733, to those of Pennsylvania, as to the only circle they are willing to be drawn is that mentioned in the Deed of Bargain and Sale or Feoffment of New Castle. Signed by J. Howard, J. Ward, Edmund Jenings, J. Harris, J. Ross. Shewn at Philad., Oct. 20, 1740, to, and signed by, Clement Brewster, Saml. Chew, Jno. Kinsey, Jas. Sterling, Edwin Gale, B. Young. 2 pp. folio.

V. The Paper delivered by the Commissioners of Pennsylvania to those of Maryland, giving their determination what kind of a circle they would run in determining the Boundary line, deciding that it must be run by English Statute Miles, and not as mentioned in the Deed of Bargain and Sale or Feoffment of Newcastle. Dated Newcastle, Sept. 6. 1733, signed by Isaac Norris, Samuel Preston, J. Logan, A. Hamilton, James Steele & Robt. Charles, together with the acknowledgment of the Commissioners of Maryland that a copy of the letter had been received by, and signed by them, viz.: J. Howard, W. T. Ward, Edmund Jenings, J. Harris, J. Ross.

VI. The Paper delivered by the Commissioners of Maryland in answer to those of Pennsylvania, in reference to the kind of circle to be run, in determining the Boundary Line. Dated Newcastle, Sept. 6, 1733. Signed by J. Howard, W. T. Ward, Edmund Jenings, J. Harris, J. Ross, together with the acknowledgment by the Commissioners of Pennsylvania that this paper had been shewn to them. Signed, John Kinsey, Levin Lewis, Clement Plumsted, Samuel Chew, B. Young, Jas. Sterling. Dated Philad., Oct. 20, 1740.

VII. The Printed Agreement between Lord Baltimore and Messrs. Penn. Date 10 May, 1732. The Commissions given to the

Commissioners to mark out the Lines between Maryland and Pennsylvania and the three Lower Counties in Delaware, & the Return or Reports of the Commissioners on both sides, made 24 Nov., 1733, Shewing for what Reasons the Lines were not marked out within the time appointed for that purpose. 8 pp. folio. Stained and damaged on inner margin.

VIII. Portrait of Lord Baltimore. Three quarter length head to left. Engraved by Abraham Blothing. Folio.

This important collection of papers consists mainly of those that passed to, and from the Commissioners of Maryland and Pennsylvania who were appointed to settle the boundary lines between the two Provinces. The Dispute first arose through Lord Baltimore claiming a tract of Land, commonly called Delaware, under his Patent, the said Patent calling for "Land uncultivated and inhabited by Savages," whilst this Tract of Land claimed by Penn was "inhabited and planted by Christians," at and before the date of Lord Baltimore's Patent, as it hath been and ever since to this Time, and continued as a distinct colony from that of Maryland." An appeal was made to the Lords of the Commonwealth for Trade and Foreign Plantations in Nov., 1685, to have the dispute settled, and they decided that to correct further differences, the tract of Land lying between the River and Bay of Delaware, and the Eastern Sea on the one side, and Chesapeake on the other side, be divided into equal parts by a Line from the Latitude of Cape Hinlopen to the Fortieth Degree of Northern Latitude, and that one half thereof lying toward the Bay of Delaware and the Eastern Sea, be adjudged to belong to his Majesty, and that the other Half remain in the Lord Baltimore. This did not suit Lord Baltimore, who appealed again to Queen Ann, and after a hearing his petition was dismissed. He however offered another petition, which after a full hearing before His Majesty in council, June 23, 1709, it was also dismissed. Then the Commissioners met some years afterwards to draw the proper lines between the two provinces, and from these papers up to Sept., 1733, it appears that neither set of Commissioners could arrive at any agreement, the main trouble being the interpretation of the king of circle to be used in drawing the line. The Lord Baltimore claiming that mentioned in the charter for Pennsylvania and Deed of Bargain and Sale or Feoffment of Newcastle, which called for twelve miles from the Town of Newcastle, meaning such a circle whose circumference or Periphery is twelve miles, and whose diameter is somewhat less than four miles. This the Pennsylvania Commissioners would not agree to, claiming a circle, according to the Second Article of the Agreement, directing it to be run at twelve English Statute miles from the Town of Newcastle. Consequently up to 1740 the Commissioners had arrived at no definite agreement, and these papers are the originals in the dispute.

717 **Pickens, Genl. Andrew.** Celebrated Partisan officer in the Revolution, who with Genl. Marion kept alive the

spirit of resistance in the South. A. L. S. 4to. Camp Near Bacon's Bridge, July 23, 1782, to Maj. Genl. Greene. Inlaid.

A very fine specimen of a very scarce name.

"I am now encamped on the ground lately occupied by Genl. Marion. I am sorry there is not more men here from the Brigades, but when I marched the People had not quite finished their Harvest, and Several parties of Tories suddenly March'd up through the county."

- 718 **Pinckney, Chas.** Member of the Old Congress & Governor of South Carolina. D. S. folio. Charleston, May 7, 1798.

- 719 **Pinckney, Chas. Cotesworth.** Brev. Brig. Gen. in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to, 2 pp. The Hague, July 13, 1797.

A fine letter and important autograph as a General of the Revolution, and of the appointment respecting the Mission to France, when a serious situation was impending. States that he is gazetted with John Marshall and Francis Dana to be Envoy Extraordinary to France, and speaks of the abilities and politics of his colleagues.

- 720 **Polk, James K.** President of the United States. Gov. of Tennessee. D. S. folio. Nashville, April 29, 1840.

- 721 **Pope, Jno.** Major Gen. in the Union Army. L. S. 4to. Milwaukee, Sept. 23, 1864. Inlaid.

Congratulating Genl. P. H. Sheridan on his advancement in the Army.

- 722 **Princeton—Wheelock, John.** President of Dartmouth College, & Officer in the Revolution. A. L. S. 4to, 3 pp. London, Sept. 22, 1783, to J. Luzac, Holland.

"We do not yet learn that Congress has removed from Princeton, though it is likely they will not continue long there, as it cannot be exposed to any insult in whatever place it may incline to set, within the circle of the States, as there are no dangerous convulsions raging."

- 723 **Randolph, Beverly.** Governor of Virginia. Parchment. D. S. folio. Richmond, July 24, 1787.

- 724 **Randolph, Edmund.** Governor of Virginia. Member of the Old Congress. Parchment. D. S. folio. Richmond, July 16, 1788.

- 725 **Rochambeau, Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, Count de.** Celebrated French General in the American Revolution. L. S. 4to. Paris, 1799, with two French official stamps at head of letter.

- 726 **Schuyler, Philip.** Maj. Gen. in the Revolution & Member of the Old Congress. D. S. small 4to. April 16, 1795.

- 727 **Signers of the Declaration of Independence.** Fifty-six cut signatures on paper and parchment mounted on heavy cardboard. A complete set some of which appear to be copies but it is sold as it is with no guarantee.

This valuable collection a fine signature of Thos. Lynch. Signed "Thomas Lynch, Jr."

- 728 **Sherman, Jno.** Secretary of the Treasury. U. S. Senator. A. L. S. 8vo, 3 pp. Washington, March 14, 1870.

- 729 **Smallwood, Wm.** Maj. Gen. in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. Camp, Dec. 15, 1780, to Genl. Greene.

"Copies of the Letters you require are inclosed. The afternoon proving bad, General Morgan declines setting off, but he will wait on you early in the morning. Colonel Washington has not yet returned."

- 730 **Smith, Samuel Francis.** Clergyman. Author of the National Hymn "America." Autograph copy signed of one verse of "America." 8vo. December 29, 1894.

- 731 **Stephen, Alex. H.** Vice President of the Confederate States. A. L. S. 8vo. Liberty Hall, Aug. 25, 1870.

- 732 **Sumner, Jethro.** Brigadier General in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. Hillsboro, S. C., December 6, 1780, to Gen. Greene.

Mentions that he is delayed in meeting Greene at Hillsborough on account of bad weather and unfortunately being sick.

- 733 **Sumter, Thomas.** Celebrated partisan officer in the American Revolution. The dred of Tarleton and Cornwallis. A. L. S. folio. June 13, 1781, to Maj. Gen. Greene. Inlaid

A fine specimen of a rare autograph. "I have farther accounts of the Enemies advancing & giving out that they are going for Ninety-six. I was not inform'd where they were but I judge near Orangeburg. Can't Learn positively what their Numbers are the Tories Says four thousand, our friends Says Twelve or fifteen hundred."

- 734 **Tarleton, Col. Banastre.** A celebrated English officer in the American Revolution. Noted for his cruelty. A. L. S. 4to. March 12, 1802, with address.
- 735 **Taylor, George.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. folio. Springford, July 13, 1769, to Thos. Wharton.
A fine specimen, in reference to the interest due on his Bond to the Pennsylvania Hospital.
- 736 **Tazewell, Henry.** A Distinguished Revolutionary Patriot, Statesman and Jurist. A. D. S. folio. July 6, 1779.
- 737 **Tyler, Jno.** Father of the President & Gov. of Virginia. Parchment. D. S. folio. Richmond, March 1, 1810.
- 738 **Tyler, John.** President of the United States & Governor of Virginia. D. S. 4to. Richmond, Dec. 16, 1826.
- 739 **Valley Forge.** The Original Manuscript Proceedings of a Court Martial held at Valley Forge, May 12, 1778. Col. Thos. Clark, President, for the Trial of Lieut. Matthew McCally, of the 10th North Carolina Battalion, for allowing a prisoner to escape. Signed by Col. Thos. Clark. 3 pp., folio, stained.
- 740 **Varick, Richard.** Distinguished Colonel in the Revolution. Washington's Military Secretary. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Robinson's House, Oct. 10, 1780, to Genl. Greene. Inlaid.
Fine specimen. Written just after Andre's Execution. Varick was inspector Genl. at West Point at the time of Arnold's Treason. In this letter he is anxious about his letters, and wants a messenger or servant to send letters to Schuyler and Van Rensselaer.
- 741 **Virginia.** Paper Documents signed by Governors of Virginia, viz., James Wood, Jas. Barbour, Robt. Brooke, Jas. P. Preston, John Page, Geo. W. Smith & John Letcher. Folio. 7 pieces.
- 742 **Virginia.** Parchment Documents Signed by Governors of Virginia, viz., Littleton, W. Tazewell, Jas. Barbour, Jas. Pleasants, Wm. H. Cabell, Geo. W. Smith & Thos. M. Randolph. 6 pieces.

- 743 **Wade, Thomas.** Colonel in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio. 2 pp. Cherraws, January 26, 1781, to Maj. Gen. Greene. Inlaid.

Respecting supplies of Rum and Bees. "Should any move of the Enemy make it necessary for us to move, my Acquaintance with the Country * * * & on short notice will enable me to lay in a supply.

- 744 **Walton, Geo.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence. A. D. S. 4to. Savannah, Jan. 17, 1785. Inlaid.
A certification of the Services of a Revolutionary Soldier.

- 745 **Washington, Bushrod.** Justice of the S. C. of the U. S. Washington's Executor. A. L. S. folio, 3 pp. Mount Vernon, May 4, 1825, to Noblet Herbert.

Washington's Private Letter to Jas. McHenry, relating to the Algerine Frigate.

- 746 **Washington, Geo.** Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Army. The Greatest General of Modern Times. First President of the United States. A. L. S. 4to. Mount Vernon, July 22, 1796, to James McHenry, with address marked Private.

An unusually fine specimen, in which he places particular stress on his habit of promptness.

"Dear Sir:

"Your private letter of the 16th came to my hands at the same time that your official one of the 18th did. From what is there said, and appears by the enclosures, I am satisfied no unnecessary delay respecting the Algerine Frigate has taken place. From a former one, and perhaps from a solicitude to execute promptly, whatever is entrusted to me, I had conceived otherwise, as I have Mr. Liston here, & the house full of other company, I shall only add that I am, what you will always find—your sincere frd and affect. Servant,

"GEO. WASHINGTON."

Washington Prefers to Lose on a Technicality than to Enter Litigation.

- 747 **The Same.** A. L. S. folio. Mount Vernon, Feby. 5, 1785, to Battaile Muse, his agent, with address.

Fine specimen, inlaid.

"Sir:

"I have lately received two letters from you, one of the 14th & the other of the 25th of the last month. The Bonds which you

have taken from Mr. Whiting had better remain in your hands until they are discharged and by the time you propose to be at Belvoir in April I will endeavor to prepare a proper rental for you if it shall be in my power from the pressure of other matters. It was always my intention & ever my expectation that the Tenants should pay the taxes of their own Lotts but if the Leases neither expresses nor implies it, I do not suppose there is anything else to compel them—consequently Mr. Whiting must be allowed such sums as he has actually paid—look however at his Lease & judge yourself of the fact as I speak more from what ought to be perhaps than what really is—and I do not want to enter into an improper litigation of the matter.

“I am—Sir Yr. Hble Servt.,

“GEO. WASHINGTON.”

“P. S.—Mrs. Washington begs you would get from some of my Tenants, or others 10 to a doz. lbs. of good hackled Flax for her.”

Washington at Valley Forge.

- 748 **The Same.** L. S. folio. Head Quarters, Valley Forge, June 5, 1778, to Capt Wm. Scull, with Franked address. Mounted and torn in the folds.

“Sir:

“William Erskine Esq. who is appointed Military Surveyor and Geographer is now here, endeavoring to arrange that department—fix upon the proper number of Deputies and settle their Pay, appointments, &c. To do so, he would wish to see and consult you. I therefore desire you to come down immediately upon the receipt of this. If the movement of the Enemy from Philada. should oblige the Army to quit this ground before you arrive, I will leave directions for you. I imagine the Business you are at present upon cannot suffer by a temporary absence.

“I am Sir your most obt. Servt.,

“GEO. WASHINGTON.”

- 749 **Washington.** A receipt for pew number 26, in the New Meeting purchased by George Washington, June 20, 1786. Damaged and repaired.

- 750 **Washington and Lafayette.** Two very rare medallion portraits in stipple, in circular metal frames with mirrors in the back, worn at the Reception of Gen. Lafayette in 1824.

- 751 **Wayne, Anthony.** Brev. Maj. Gen. in the Revolution. “Mad Anthony.” A. L. S. 4to. Drayton Hall, Aug. 16, 1820, to Genl. Greene. Inlaid.

Fine Specimen. Relates to taking fort at Drayton Hall.

- 752 Webster, Danl. Eminent Statsman & Orator. L. S. 4to. Jan. 7, 1852, & L. S. of Richd. Rush, Secretary of the Treasury, A. L. S. of Gideon Granger. Post Master General & A. L. S. of Theophilus Parsons 4 pieces.
- 753 Whittier, John G. The Good Old Quaker Poet. A. L. S. 8vo. Amesbury, July 17, 1878.
- 754 Whittier, John G. Signature with two lines autograph. October 26, 1876.
- 755 Williams, Jno. Officer in the Revolution. A. L. S. folio, 2 pp. Halifax, July 19, 1777, to Gen. Richd. Coswell.
Referring to Military matters in South Carolina, with a Return of the troops.
- 756 Wise, Henry A. Governor of Virginia. Hung John Brown, Brig. Gen. in the Confederate Army. A. L. S. 4to. Richmond, Nov. 25, 1859.
To the Governor of Ohio, asking his assistance in the apprehension of John Brown's invaders. "But this State expects the Confederate duty to be observed, of guarding your territory from becoming dangerous to our peace and safety, by affording places of depot and rendezvous to lawless desperadoes who may seek to war on our people."

